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Foreword

The history and heritage of a military service are vitally important components of its sense of confidence, capabilities and esprit de corps. This is certainly true of the US Air Force, now fifty years old, but with a lineage and heritage dating to the dawn of flight. This volume records the lineage, honors, and heraldry of the Air Force wings active as of 1 October 1995. It honors the men and women of these great units and offers a lasting tribute to their dedicated service in both war and peace. Their distinguished record inspires the present and future Air Force generations to fly in their predecessors' path of dedication, sacrifice, professionalism, and achievement.

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Preface

In the early 1990s, sharply reduced military budgets and post-Cold War strategic requirements drove the Air Force to restructure its organization drastically. Recognizing that the active Air Force planned for 1995 would be less than half the size of the Air Force existing in 1990, General Merrill A. McPeak, the Air Force Chief of Staff, aggressively sought to preserve USAF heritage and to increase the historical awareness of USAF personnel. Among other initiatives, he directed the Air Force Historical Research Agency to compile a two-volume series publicizing the lineage and heraldry of the wings and flying squadrons that would remain in the active Air Force.

Active Air Force Wings, the first volume in the heritage series, includes all regular Air Force wings active on 1 October 1995. Within this volume are the lineages, honors, and heraldry of combat wings created after 1947 and those that originated as combat groups or four-digit (formerly major command-controlled) organizations. There is a description of one wing that began life as a World War II Army Air Forces Base Unit. Absent from this volume are the lineages and heraldry of inactive wings, provisional wings, and wings assigned to the Air Force Reserve or the Air National Guard.

To compile the volume, the authors drew heavily from Charles Ravenstein's *Air Force Combat Wings: Lineage and Honors Histories, 1947–1977*. The historians also consulted Maurer Maurer's *Air Force Combat Units of World War II and Combat Squadrons of the Air Force, World War II*. The lineages in this volume, however, supersede those shown in earlier reference works and publications.

Every wing appears with the designation it possessed on 1 October 1995. For each wing, the book provides lineage, assignments, tactical components, stations, commanders, aircraft and missiles, operations, service and campaign streamers, armed forces expeditionary operations unit streamers, decorations, emblem, and bestowed honors where applicable. An explanation of these elements and their treatment is contained in the explanatory notes. Information about lineage, assignments, tactical components, stations, and emblem has been updated as near as possible to the date of publication. Information on commanders, aircraft/missiles, and operations is current as of 5 March 1993. This date marks the 80th anniversary of the creation of the 1st Aero Squadron, which was the first Army unit to be equipped with aircraft for tactical operations. Generally, organizational histories containing information after this date were unavailable to the authors. U.S. Central Command Air Forces

provided the official listing of campaign streamer credits for wings participating in the first two campaigns of the Persian Gulf War. Recipients of the third and final campaign streamer credit in the Persian Gulf War have not yet been announced. The Awards and Decorations Branch, Air Force Military Personnel Center, provided lists of wings receiving credit for one or both of the Armed Forces Expeditionary streamers authorized for Air Force organizations. For recent decorations, the authors relied on an interim update to Air Force Pamphlet 900-2 that included unit awards approved by the Air Force Personnel Council and major commands through 31 December 1991. In addition, the authors included later awards that could be verified with coverage dates beginning prior to the 5 March 1993 cut-off date.

Most of the sources used to prepare this volume are located in the document collection of the Air Force Historical Research Agency at Maxwell AFB, Alabama. The most important sources are the histories that Air Force organizations at all echelons periodically prepare and send to the Agency under the auspices of the Air Force History Program. The organization record cards of each USAF unit and establishment, maintained by the Historical Research Agency, provide essential information. The emblem records maintained by the Agency include emblem histories of all Air Force units and establishments. The Agency also collects indispensable primary source documents, including G-series special orders, operations plans and reports, organizational directories, Department of the Air Force manpower and organization numbered letters, and similar records.

Active Air Force Wings was prepared under the general direction of Dr. A. Timothy Warnock, Chief of the Organizational History Branch, Air Force Historical Research Agency. Ms. Judy G. Endicott, a lineage and honors specialist in the Organizational History Branch, supervised the project. Other than some earlier research on consolidated wings by Ms. Endicott, Agency historians compiled the basic research in 1993–1994, while also working on the companion volume on squadrons. The following historians worked throughout the life (February 1993–February 1995) of this project: Ms. Johnna K. Adams (later Perdue), Mr. Carl E. Bailey, Dr. W. Stuart Harris, Mr. K. David Heskett, and Mr. J. Robert Light. Mr. George W. Cully, one of the original team members, received another position in the Air Force History Program at the end of 1993. He was replaced in April 1994 by Ms. Sara K. Hartman, who helped complete the research on this volume. Ms. Marie DeLong and Mr. Melvin A. Watts maintained voluminous files and reviewed the various computer drafts of the book.

Others who were involved in the production of this book include: Col Richard S. Rauschkolb, Dr. Frederick J. Shaw, Ms. Helen J. Weaver, Ms. Margaret C. Tolbert, Ms. Donna E. Billingsley, Major Timothy J. Collins, Ms. Anne Johnson-Sachs, the 11th Wing Media Services Flight and the [U.S. Army] Institute of Heraldry.

Unfortunately, even with all the available information, the historians could not always ascertain specific facts. The full names of commanders and the exact dates they assumed command, for example, were often not to be found. To determine a particular fact from fragmentary and sometimes conflicting evidence, in these circumstances, required the historian's best judgment. This book is subject to revision in the light of evidence that may be discovered or may become available in the future. Comments and questions concerning the book may be addressed to the Organizational History Branch, Air Force Historical Research Agency, 600 Chennault Circle, Maxwell AFB, Alabama 36112-6424.

Explanatory Notes

(How to Use this Book)

The following notes explain the arrangement of information, and the terms and format used in Air Force lineage and honors histories. The Heading, Lineage, Assignments, and Stations subsections list complete data as of 1 October 1995; other areas that required research into unit histories are compiled through 5 March 1993.

Heading. The heading comprises the numerical and functional designation of the wing. Each wing appears in numerical order.

Lineage. Lineage entails tracing the organizational actions affecting the history of an organization. The official USAF statement of lineage, or “genealogy,” forms the foundation of the wing’s history and governs the wing’s inheritance of emblem and honors. A description of the Air Force lineage system may be found in Air Force Instruction 38–101. See Appendix I for Lineage Terms.

The lineage of many of our modern wings originated with the service test of what was called the “wing-base” plan.* This test, begun in 1947 and conducted with 29 combat wings, proved the wing-base plan to the satisfaction of the Air Force. In 1948 the service discontinued all of the temporary service-test units and establishments and replaced them with new, permanent units and establishments with the same numerical and generally the same functional designations. Because the personnel, assignments, components, stations, facilities, equipment, and missions of the service-test wings passed completely to the new, permanent wings that replaced them, the Air Force unofficially considered both variants of the wings to be the same organization. In most instances, the permanent wings activated on the same day that the temporary wings were discontinued, but in a few cases, the permanent wings activated a day or two before the discontinuance of the temporary wings. The earlier book on Air Force combat wings, *Air Force Combat Wings: Lineage and Honors Histories 1947–1977* [Office of Air Force History, 1984], by Charles A. Ravenstein, showed the overlapping of the lineages that conformed to the orders of the time. The overlapping of dates carried over to other sections including assignments, components, stations, and commanders. In 1984, the Air Force consolidated the permanent wings with their service-test predecessors. To eliminate the confusion often caused

by the distinctions made in the past between service-test wings and the permanent wings, we have chosen to simplify the lineage of these wings by eliminating reference to the discontinuance of the service-test wing and activation of the permanent wing. We have also eliminated overlapping dates in all other sections of the entry.

Assignments. Each of the wing’s immediate higher “parent” organizations is listed chronologically. A single date indicates the date of assignment; where a double date appears, the second date indicates termination of assignment. A semicolon is used to show a change of assignment while the wing remained active; a period indicates the wing was disbanded, discontinued, or inactivated. If the wing was attached for operational control to another organization, the attachment appears in parentheses, with brackets used to set off parenthetical elements within parentheses. Each attachment contains double dates.

Components. Tactical components assigned, or attached for operational control, to the wing are listed in hierarchical and numerical order. Each list shows only those components at the first subordinate echelon; the lists do not show subordinate squadrons of an assigned or attached group because these squadrons were not directly assigned to the wing. Of the tactical components, only the numerical designation appears if the functional designations (e.g. fighter, bombardment) were identical for both the component and wing. If the numerical designation of a component changed during its period(s) of assignment or attachment, the later designation is shown parenthetically. Example: 705th (later, 962d). Support-type components are excluded.

A semicolon separating dates indicates a break in assignment or attachment. A comma indicates a change with no break in wing control. A squadron attached for a time and then assigned (with no break in wing control), for example, would be shown: attached 1 Jan–29 Jul 1952, assigned 30 Jul 1952–12 Jul 1957. Interrupted, attached service in a series would read: attached 12 Jul–10 Aug 1956, 17 Nov 1956–3 Jan 1957, 10 Jul–19 Aug 1957 and so forth, with commas separating the series entries. This same procedure is used to show detached status of wing components, when such detached periods are frequent.

Periods of detached service, when components are detached from wing control for duty with another organization, appear in parentheses. In some cases the exact dates for detached service could not be determined with certainty. A *circa* (c.) date is used in these instances.

*A more detailed explanation of the pivotal wing-base service test appears in the introduction to this book.

Stations. Permanent locations of the wing headquarters are listed chronologically. The name of each base is the one in use at the time the wing arrived, with any changes appearing in parentheses. Some foreign nations that hosted wings are identified by their “popular” name, rather than their official name. Thus, the Republic of Korea appears as South Korea, the Republic of Vietnam as South Vietnam, and the Republic of China as either Formosa or Taiwan, depending upon the time. Wings located in occupied Germany prior to 1 September 1949 and in the Federal Republic of Germany before and since reunification on 3 October 1990, are listed as being in Germany. A single date indicates the arrival of the wing at a base. Semicolons separate the station-and-date entries while the wing remained active but changed stations. If a wing moved from one continent to another, a double date is provided for the station being vacated. A double date is also provided whenever a wing arrived at a base and was subsequently disbanded, discontinued, or inactivated. A period at the end of a second date indicates disbandment, discontinuance, or inactivation.

Commanders. Wing commanders are listed chronologically, along with the highest rank attained during the command tenure. Commanders are shown for all periods when the wing was active. Between 1959 and 1968 the Air Force required two organizational actions (activate and organize) to place personnel in a wing headquarters (and in other units). During the time a wing was activated but not yet organized, the entry shows “None (not manned),” together with double dates, followed by a semicolon and the actual list of commanders. Whenever active wings were not manned at other times, the “None (not manned)” statement and double dates also appear. If for some reason a wing commander was at first temporarily and then permanently appointed, the commander’s name may be followed by one date and a parenthetical “temporary,” followed by a second date and a parenthetical “permanent.”

Lists of commanders are as accurate as the sources permitted. Some wings kept excellent historical records; others kept poor records, or none at all. Commander lists, therefore, sometimes contain “unknown” as an entry, and in many of the commander lists, *circa* (c.), or some other indicator such as “by” a date, are to be found. A second date followed by a semicolon indicates a gap in the commander list. A second date followed by a period indicates the wing headquarters inactivated.

Aircraft/Missiles and Space Vehicles. The aircraft, missiles, and/or space vehicles used by wing components assigned and attached to operational control appear in this section. In the missile category, only strategic or tactical

surface-to-surface missiles are included because air-to-air, air-to-ground, or surface-to-air missiles are considered ordnance. Aircraft are listed by series and number (e.g., F-86 or EC-135), but not by model (e.g., B-52H or KC-135A). Missiles are listed by their popular names (e.g., Atlas, Titan I, Minuteman III). Space vehicles are listed as satellites. The years during which the wing possessed the weapon systems are also listed (e.g., RF-101, 1959–1965). Because many wings often possessed different weapon systems simultaneously, these different systems, with the dates of possession, are separated by semicolons. The final entry is followed by a period. A wing may also have had the same weapon systems at different times. Example (for a wing activated in 1950, inactivated in 1961, activated again in 1963, and inactivated in 1967): Aircraft. B-47, 1950–1955; KC-97, 1953–1955; B-52, 1956–1961; KC-135, 1955–1961. B-52, 1963–1967; KC-135, 1963–1967; EC-135, 1966–1967.

A wing often temporarily lost possession of one or more of its weapon systems. This occurred, for example, when its tactical components were detached with all of the aircraft for duty elsewhere. Such temporary absences of a weapon system are shown by a comma. Example: B-52, 1957–1960, 1960–1962, 1963–1965; KC-135, 1956–1958, 1958–1960, 1960–1961, 1961–1965. In other words, for a time in 1960 and in 1962–1963, the wing had no B-52 aircraft for its own use, all being under the control of another organization. Likewise, for short periods in 1958, 1960, and in 1961, the wing did not control KC-135 aircraft.

Operations. Information in this section, though abbreviated, includes all combat and other significant operations, often with a discussion of the particular aspects of combat. Overseas deployments of the wing are mentioned, together with changes in wing status and the wing’s mission. Speed or distance records are frequently cited. For reasons of security classification, some significant wing operations are excluded.

Readers who wish to know more about a wing’s operations may visit the Air Force Historical Research Agency to conduct research, or purchase through the mail microfilm copies of the unclassified wing histories.

Service Streamers. (See Appendix II for Service, Campaign, and Expeditionary Streamers.) Service streamers represent noncombat service in the various theaters of military operations. Those service streamers earned by a wing are listed here. (If a wing participated in combat operations in a theater, it earned a campaign streamer instead of a service streamer.)

Campaign Streamers. (See Appendix II.) Verified combat credit entitles a unit to the appropriate campaign streamers representing the named campaigns in which a wing participated. The Historical Research Agency has traditionally evaluated and verified unit combat credits. Campaign streamers listed in this volume reflect each wing's verified combat record except for the Gulf War campaign credits. The credits for the first two campaigns of the Persian Gulf War were provided by U.S. Central Command Air Forces. Recipients of the third and final campaign streamer credit have not yet been announced.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers. (See Appendix II.) Until 1983, this Joint Chiefs of Staff award was given only to individuals, not to any USAF unit. Since that date, this award has been awarded to Air Force units for only two operations: the invasion and occupation of Grenada, 23 Oct–21 Nov 1983, and for the US invasion of Panama, Dec 1989–Jan 1990.

Decorations. (See Appendix III for Unit Decorations.) Decorations include citations and awards recognizing distinguished or meritorious acts by the wing. In this list, the type of decoration is cited together with specific dates, if dates appeared in the award document. Air Force Pamphlet 900–2, produced by the Air Force Military Personnel Center, contains the official listing of unit decorations, including wing decorations. The decorations listed in this volume generally agree with those appearing in the pamphlet, but some have been revised on the basis of research into actual wing operations. For example, the dates stated in an order may cover a time before a wing was active or after it became inactive. Corrected dates are shown within brackets.

Bestowed Honors. These are the honors earned by the pre-1947 combat group which is associated with the wing. The Air Force allows the wing to display these honors, subject to certain restrictions (See Appendix IV.). In most cases, the pre-1947 combat groups have been redesignated operations groups and are currently assigned as integral components of the like-numbered wing. Bestowed honors are evaluated and verified in the same manner as other honors earned by the wing.

Emblem. The official description or “blazon” is provided for the most current wing emblem. Any official motto is cited and translated to English, if necessary. Finally, the date Headquarters USAF approved the emblem is cited with the negative number for obtaining photographs within parentheses. Also to assist the user in identifying and obtaining photographs of previous emblems of the unit, the approval dates of previous emblems are included with negative numbers placed within parentheses. If a motto was approved separately, its date of approval is also shown.

Negative numbers are preceded by “K, KE, K&KE, or DFSC.” These prefixes denote color negatives or slide numbers. Those followed by “AC” indicate that only a black and white negative is available. In a few cases, the emblem approval date is followed by (no negative number), indicating that the Historical Research Agency had no negative number on file. Negatives are located in three separate photographic repositories. Those wishing to obtain photographs may contact the Air Force Historical Research Agency, to ascertain which repository retains the desired negative(s). Note that the current emblem on the negative may not show recent minor changes.

Introduction

Organizations known as “wings” have been used by the Air Force for many years. Indeed, in July 1918 the American Expeditionary Forces of the United States Army organized in France its first aircraft organization higher than a group — the 1st Pursuit Wing. Although this wing did not survive post-World War I demobilization, new wings were created in the 1920s and 1930s. During World War II numerous wings existed; some provided training in the United States, while others controlled combat groups and support organizations overseas. Most of the wings that remained active after World War II were redesignated as numbered air divisions.

The service test of a wing-base plan in 1947–1948 prompted an important change in the field structure and organization of the Air Force. Old-style World War II wings supervised a mixture of combat groups and support organizations. None of the subordinate organizations were permanently affiliated with the wings or possessed similar numerical designations or standard functions. The wings organized for the service test featured standard functions. Each wing had a combat group, a maintenance and supply group, an airdrome (later, air base) group to operate base facilities and services, and a station medical group, all with identical numerical designations. The 1947–1948 wing-base service test rendered more nearly uniform the functions of the wing elements, and permanently aligned, or affiliated, support units with the parent wings through identical numerical designations.

All of the wings involved in the service test, whether manned by Table of Distribution (T/D)* or Table of Organization (T/O)† Manning authority, were Air Force-controlled (AFCON) establishments. The term AFCON applied to all those units under the direct control of Headquarters USAF for organizational actions and retroactively to the service-test wings. The Air Force reserved the numbers 1 through 999 for these permanent organizations.

In addition to the permanent AFCON wings that replaced the service-test organizations in 1948, the USAF provided for temporary organizations to be controlled by the major commands. The commands wanted a flexible organization at the lower echelons to permit rapid adjustments in manning

that short-term requirements often dictated. Because the manning of permanent T/O organizations was judged to be too rigid, in 1948 the Air Force created a new type of temporary organization, to be manned under T/D authorization.**

For a time, the Air Force differentiated between its temporary and permanent organizations by calling the temporary ones “designated” or “T/D,” while the permanent organizations were referred to as “constituted” or “T/O.”‡ The temporary major command-controlled organizations would eventually become identified as “MAJCON,” with the permanent ones known as “AFCON.” The commands were authorized to create and end MAJCON organizations as needed, using four-digit numbers allotted to each command by Headquarters USAF. When a MAJCON organization was discontinued (later, inactivated), its life ended, never to be revived. The number of this organization could then be reused to designate another, entirely new MAJCON organization. Although the original intent was to provide major command flexibility in establishing and terminating short-lived, temporary organizations, some MAJCON organizations existed more than forty years.

The subordinate four-group structure accepted in the 1947–1948 service test (i.e., combat, maintenance and supply, air base, and medical) remained intact only a few years. By the mid-1950s most wings had inactivated their combat groups and assigned the flying squadrons directly to the wing; maintenance and supply groups were eliminated, with their squadrons realigned either directly under the wing or under the air base group. Functionally, the subordinate squadrons were then controlled through directorates within the wing headquarters. The Air Force reorganized medical functions and inactivated or redesignated the medical groups having the same number as the wing. Of the original four groups, most wings only retained the air base (later redesignated to combat support) group.

By the end of the 1980s, with the declared end of the Cold War and the continued decline in military budgets, the Air Force restructured its forces to meet changes in strategic requirements. This major reorganization of the early 1990s stressed elimination of unnecessary layers of authority, decentralization

*A major air command document which indicates personnel distribution within a non-constituted unit using personnel authorized to a major air command by means of, in 1948, personnel allotment vouchers.

†A Department of the Air Force publication which prescribes the personnel structure and equipment for constituted units that have a fixed mission and workload.

**Other than provisional units, the first Army Air Forces T/D units were the AAF Base Units existing between 1944 and 1948. AAF commands, using personnel authorized in bulk, were allowed to designate and organize non-constituted AAFBUs to operate a base, depot, or activity under the jurisdiction of the AAF command. One wing in this volume (88th Air Base Wing) originated as an AAFBU.

‡The terms “designated” and “constituted” refer to the differences in lineage language used to create the two types of organizations.

of decision-making, and consolidation of functions. The Air Force restored a wing organizational structure, called the “objective wing,” similar to the original wing-base plan. The service organized each operational wing restoring a combat (now called operations) group, as well as logistics, support, and medical groups, with most wing squadrons again assigned under the appropriate groups. Overall, the restructuring maintained a high combat capability while increasing the operational flexibility of the much reduced force.

At the same time, the Air Force eliminated the authorization for commands to create MAJCON organizations. Those four-digit organizations that were active on 30 April 1991 changed to units under the direct control of Headquarters USAF for organizational actions, eliminating the distinction between AFCON and active MAJCON organizations. Among the former MAJCON organizations were about twenty active four-digit wings. Within a few years, however, virtually all four-digit wings were inactivated, consolidated with, or replaced by lower numbered wings.

This volume contains information on the wings active on 1 October 1995. While today more than one-fourth of this number may be categorized as support or specialized mission wings, all but five, at some point in their service, had specific functional designations and missions in combat. This number of wings will, of course, not remain static. Within a short while after 1 October 1995, several wings are expected to inactivate, move, or redesignate. The future, of course, may bring further changes.

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1st Fighter Wing

Established as 1st Fighter Wing on 28 Jul 1947. Organized on 15 Aug 1947.

Redesignated 1st Fighter-Interceptor Wing on 16 Apr 1950. Inactivated on 6 Feb 1952.

Redesignated 1st Fighter Wing (Air Defense) on 14 Sep 1956. Activated on 18 Oct 1956.

Redesignated: 1st Tactical Fighter Wing on 1 Oct 1970; 1st Fighter Wing on 1 Oct 1991.

Assignments

Twelfth Air Force, 15 Aug 1947; Fourth Air Force, 20 Dec 1948; Fifteenth Air Force, 1 May 1949 (attached to 22d Bombardment Wing, 1 Jul 1949–1 Apr 1950); Fourth Air Force, 1 Jul 1950 (attached to Western Air Defense Force, 1–31 Jul 1950); Western Air Defense Force, 1 Aug 1950–6 Feb 1952 (attached to Southern California Air Defense Sector [Provisional], 7 Aug–19 Sep 1950; 27th Air Division [Defense], 20 Sep 1950–c. 6 Feb 1952). 30th Air Division (Defense [later, SAGE]), 18 Oct 1956; Detroit Air Defense Sector, 1 Apr 1959; 34th Air Division, 1 Apr 1966; 23d Air Division, 1 Dec 1969; 26th Air Division, 31 Dec 1969; 836th Air Division, 1 Oct 1970; Ninth Air Force, 30 Jun 1971–.

Components

Wings. 22d Bombardment: attached 10 May–30 Jun 1949.

67th Reconnaissance (later, 67th Tactical Reconnaissance): attached 25 Nov 1947–28 Mar 1949.

Groups. 1st Fighter (later, 1st Fighter-Interceptor; 1st Fighter [Air Defense]; 1st Operations): 15 Aug 1947–6 Feb 1952 (detached 15 Aug 1950–3 Jun 1951); 18 Oct 1956–1 Feb 1961; 1 Oct 1991–. 1st Rescue: 14 Jun 1995–. 67th Reconnaissance: 15 Aug–25 Nov 1947.

Squadrons. 6th Airborne Command and Control: 19 Apr 1976–1 Oct 1991. 7th Liaison: 1 Sep 1947–28 Mar 1949. 27th: 1 Jul 1971–1 Oct 1991 (detached 7 Aug 1990–8 Mar 1991). 45th: 1 Oct 1970–1 Jul 1971. 46th: 1 Oct 1970–1 Jul 1971. 47th: 1 Oct 1970–1 Jul 1971. 71st: 1 Feb 1961–16 Jan 1967; 1 Jul 1971–1 Oct 1991 (detached 7 Aug 1990–8 Mar 1991). 84th: 31 Dec 1969–1 Oct 1970. 94th: attached 15 Aug 1950–3 Jun 1951; assigned 1 Feb 1961–1 Dec 1969 (detached 24 May–3 Nov 1969); assigned 1 Jul 1971–1 Oct 1991. 188th: attached 15 Jun 1951–6 Feb 1952. 4424th Combat Crew Training: 1 Oct 1970–30 Jun 1972. 4501st Tactical Fighter Replacement: 1 Oct 1971–30 Jun 1975.

Flights. 4401st Helicopter: 31 Mar 1987–1 Oct 1991.

Stations. March Field (later, AFB), CA, 15 Aug 1947; George AFB, CA, 18 Jul 1950; Norton AFB, CA, 1 Dec 1951–6 Feb 1952. Selfridge AFB, MI, 18 Oct 1956; Hamilton AFB, CA, 31 Dec 1969; MacDill AFB, FL, 1 Oct 1970; Langley AFB, VA, 30 Jun 1975–.

Commanders

Col Carl J. Crane, 15 Aug 1947; Col Elvin F. Maughn, 19 Jan 1948; Col Clifford H. Rees, 17 May 1948; Col Joseph H. Davidson, 13 Jan 1949; Col George McCoy, Jr., 14 Jun 1949; Col William L. Lee, 19 Aug 1949; Col Wiley D. Ganey, 4 Jan 1950; Col George McCoy, Jr., 17 Feb 1950; Brig Gen Donald R. Hutchinson, c. 17 Oct 1950; Col Dolf E. Muehleisen, 14 Dec 1950, Col Robert F. Worley, c. Jun 1951–6 Feb 1952. Col Glenn E. Duncan, 18 Oct 1956; Col Charles D. Sonnkab, c. Aug 1959; Col George J. LaBreche, c. Dec 1960; Col Ralph G. Taylor, Jr., 15 Jun 1962; Col Wallace B. Frank, 11 Sep 1963; Col Converse B. Kelly, 16 Sep 1963; Col Kenneth E. Rosebush, Aug 1966; Col Taras T. Popovich, 29 Apr 1968; Col Morris B. Pitts, c. 31 Oct 1969–c. 31 Dec 1969; Col Mervin M. Taylor, Jan 1970; Col Travis R. McNeil, 1 Oct 1970; Col Robert F. Titus, 1 Mar 1971; Col Howard W. Leaf, 6 May 1971; Col Walter D. Druen, Jr., 1 Nov 1971; Col Sydney L. Davis, 18 Apr 1972; Col Gerald J. Carey, Jr., 25 Jun 1973; Col Ernest A. Bedke, (by 30 Jun) 1975; Lt Col George H. Miller, 1 Jul 1975; Brig Gen Larry D. Welch, 1 Aug 1975; Brig Gen John T. Chain, Jr., 1 Aug 1977; Col Neil L. Eddins, 27 Mar 1978; Col Donald L. Miller, 15 May 1979; Brig Gen William T. Tolbert, 11 Aug 1980; Brig Gen Eugene H. Fischer, 29 Jan 82; Brig Gen Henry Viccellio, Jr., 6 Apr 1983; Brig Gen Billy G. McCoy, 31 May 1985; Col Buster C. Glosson, 10 Jul 1986; Col Richard B. Myers, 11 Jun 1987; Col John M. McBroom, 24 Feb 1989; Col David J. McCloud, 27 Jun 1991–.

Aircraft

P (later, F)–80, 1947–1949; RF–80, 1947–1949; FA (later, RB)–26, 1947–1949; L–13, 1947–1949; B–26, 1948–1949; L–4, 1948–1949; L–5, 1948–1949; F–86, 1949–1952; B–29, 1949; F–51, 1951–1952. F–86, 1956–1960; F/TF–102, 1958–1960; F–106, 1960–1969, 1969–1970; F–4, 1970–1975; B–57, 1970–1972; F–15, 1975–; EC–135, 1976–1992; HH–3, 1993–; HC–130, 1993–.

Operations

Trained in fighter and reconnaissance operations and supported strategic bombardment training, 1947–1950. Was integrated experimentally with a reconnaissance wing, 1947–1949, and with a bombardment wing, 1949–1950, sharing commanders during much of this time. Supported Operation Haylift, a humanitarian effort to deliver food to snowbound cattle in the western United States, 1949. Provided air defense in southern California

from mid-1950 until inactivated in 1952. Provided air defense in the upper Midwest area, 1956 through 1969, then moved to central California, still in an air defense role. Had no tactical units under its control, May–Nov 1969. Moved to Florida in Oct 1970, where its mission changed to tactical fighter, assuming operational commitments of the 15th TFW. Assumed an F–4 transitional and replacement pilot training role in 1971, some of its aircrews and equipment being deployed from time to time in a variety of tactical exercises. Moved to Langley AFB, VA, in 1975 and converted to F–15s, participated in the F–15 weapons system evaluation program in 1976. Operated UH–1 helicopters to meet command requirements, search and rescue, and range support 1975–present. Added the 6th Airborne Command and Control Squadron, equipped with EC–135 aircraft in Apr 1976 and supported US Commander-in-Chief Atlantic (USCINCLANT) with deployments throughout Atlantic region. Deployed 27th and 71st Fighter Squadrons and support personnel to participate in UN operations to free Kuwait, Aug 1990–Mar 1991. Continued deployments of squadron elements on a rotational basis to Saudi Arabia as part of peacekeeping force, Mar 1991–Present. Ended airborne command and control mission in Oct 1992 and gained an air rescue mission in Feb 1993 with assignment of the 41st and 71st Rescue Squadrons equipped with HH–3E and HC–130P aircraft.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1975–31 Oct 1976; 15 Jun 1982–15 Jun 1984; 16 Jun 1984–15 Jun 1986.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 1st Operations Group prior to 15 Aug 1947.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. World War I: Champagne-Marne; Aisne-Marne; Oise-Aisne; St Mihiel; Meuse-Argonne; Lorraine Defensive Sector;

Champagne Defensive Sector. World War II: Algeria-French Morocco; Tunisia; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Anzio; Rome-Arno; Southern France; North Apennines; Po Valley; Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Decorations. Distinguished Unit Citations: Italy, 25 Aug 1943; Italy, 30 Aug 1943; Ploesti, Rumania, 18 May 1944.

Emblem

Vert, five bendlets enhanced Sable fimbriated Or; as many crosses patee in bend debased of the second, three and two fimbriated Argent, all within a diminished bordure of the third. *Motto:* AUT VINCERE AUT MORI — Conquer or die. Approved for 1st Group on 10 Feb 1924 and for 1st Wing on 22 May 1957 (K18316).



2d Bomb Wing

Established as 2d Bombardment Wing, Very Heavy, on 15 Oct 1947. Organized on 5 Nov 1947. Redesignated: 2d Bombardment Wing, Medium on 12 Jul 1948; 2d Bombardment Wing, Heavy, on 1 Apr 1963; 2d Wing on 1 Sep 1991; 2d Bomb Wing on 1 Oct 1993.

Assignments

Eighth Air Force, 5 Nov 1947 (attached to 43d Bombardment Wing, Very Heavy, 17 Nov 1947–31 Dec 1948); Second Air Force, 1 Apr 1950 (attached to 7th Air Division, 4 May–31 Aug 1951); 38th Air Division, 10 Oct 1951 (attached to 7th Air Division, 10 Sep–4 Dec 1952; 5th Air Division, 4 Aug–20 Sep 1954 and 6 Jul–26 Aug 1956); 6th Air Division, 1 Nov 1959; 823d Air Division, 1 Apr 1961; 4th Air Division, 1 Apr 1963; 19th Air Division, 1 Sep 1964; 42d Air Division, 1 Jul 1965; 19th Air Division, 2 Jul 1969; 42 Air Division, 1 Dec 1982; Eighth Air Force, 16 Jun 1988–.

Components

Group. 2d Bombardment (later, 2d Operations): 5 Nov 1947–16 Jun 1952 (detached 17 Nov 1947–31 Dec 1948 and 18 Feb–16 May 1950); 1 Sep 1991–.

Squadrons. 2d Air Refueling: attached 10 Feb 1951–15 Jun 1952, assigned 16 Jun 1952–1 Apr 1963; assigned 3 Jan 1989–1 Sep 1991.

20th Bombardment: attached 10 Feb 1951–15 Jun 1952, assigned 16 Jun 1952–25 Jun 1965. 32d Air Refueling: 1 Nov 1981–1 Sep 1991.

49th Bombardment: attached 10 Feb 1951–15 Jun 1952, assigned 16 Jun 1952–1 Apr 1963. 62d Bombardment: 25 Jun 1965–1 Sep 1991. 71st Air Refueling: 15 Apr 1968–1 Sep 1991. 96th Bombardment: attached 10 Feb 1951–15 Jun 1952, assigned 16 Jun 1952–1 Apr 1963. 308th Air Refueling: 1 Jul 1959–1 Mar 1960. 429th Bombardment: 1 Oct 1958–1 Jan 1962. 596th Bombardment: 15 Apr 1968–1 Sep 1991. 913th Air Refueling: 1 Apr 1963–1 Nov 1981.

Stations

Davis-Monthan Field (later, AFB), AZ, 5 Nov 1947; Chatham AFB, GA, 1 Apr 1949; Hunter AFB, GA, 22 Sep 1950; Barksdale AFB, LA, 1 Apr 1963–.

Commanders

None (not manned), 5 Nov 1947–31 Dec 1948; Col William E. Eubank, Jr., 1 Jan 1949; Brig Gen Frederic E. Glantzberg, 4 Apr 1949; Brig Gen John M. Reynolds, c. 31 Jan 1952; Col Rollin M. Winingham, 12 Aug 1953; Col Osce V. Jones, 5 Oct 1953; Col Austin J. Russell, 26 Oct 1953; Col Arthur J. Walker, 14 Jul 1955; Col Robert M. Tuttle, 10 Sep 1956; Col Seth J. McKee, 15 Dec 1956; Col Robert C. Whipple, 26 Aug 1958; Brig Gen William B. Kieffer, 1 Jun 1959; Col Brooks A. Lawhon, 13 Jun 1960; Col John W. Kline,

19 Jun 1961; Col Harrison R. Christy, Jr., 7 Mar 1963; Col Frank B. Elliott, 1 Apr 1963; Col Louis M. Sowers, 15 May 1964; Col Melvin R. Schultz, 16 May 1966; Col Arthur W. Holderness, Jr., 17 Dec 1966; Col Edmund A. Rafalko, 13 Oct 1967; Brig Gen Edward O. Martin, 11 Nov 1968; Col Samuel E. Dyke, 5 May 1970; Col Harold R. Jewell, 16 Jun 1972; Col Stanley C. Beck, 2 Apr 1973; Col Jerome R. Barnes, Jr., 10 Jun 1974; Col Kelly H. Burke, 1 Jul 1974; Col Jerome E. Wechter, 2 Jun 1975; Col Jerome R. Barnes, Jr., 1 Jun 1976; Col George A. Dugard, 2 Feb 1977; Col Jerome R. Barnes, Jr., c. 20 Mar 1977; Col George R. Dugard, 18 Apr 1977; Col Jerome R. Barnes, Jr., 8 May 1977; Col Kenneth M. Patterson, 27 May 1977; Col Jack K. Farris, 15 Mar 1979; Col Alfred D. Herring, 23 Feb 1981; Col Loring R. Astorino, 16 Feb 1982; Col Larry D. Fortner, 13 Jun 1983; Col James W. Evatt, 22 May 1984; Col Frederick A. Fiedler, 20 May 1985; Col Eugene E. Habiger, 14 Jan 1986; Col Brett M. Dula, 28 Jan 1987; Col Charles T. Robertson, Jr., 14 Jan 1988; Col Joseph F. Mudd, 17 Jan 1989; Col Ronald C. Marcotte, 30 Jul 1990; Col Albert W. Perez, II, 20 Feb 1992; Brig Gen George P. Cole, Jr., 23 Apr 1992–.

Aircraft

B–29, 1949–1950; B–50, 1949–1953; KB–29, 1950–1953; KC–97, 1953–1963; B–47, 1954–1963; B–52, 1963–1965, 1965–1977, 1977–; KC–135, 1963–; EC–135, 1966–1970; RC–135, 1977–1979; KC–10, 1981–1992.

Operations

Wing Headquarters not operational, 5 Nov 1947–31 Dec 1948. The 2d Bombardment Group, except for a short period it spent in England in 1948, was attached to the 43d Bombardment Group, 17 Nov 1947–31 Dec 1948. Entire wing moved from Arizona to Georgia on 1 Jan 1949 and manned from resources of other organizations. Converted from B–29 to B–50 bombers in 1949–1950 and trained in global bombardment operations from Jan 1949. Added air refueling mission in Dec 1950. Deployed at RAF Mildenhall, England, May–Aug 1951, RAF Upper Heyford, England, Sep–Dec 1952, and Sidi Slimane AB, French Morocco, Aug–Sep 1954 and Jul–Aug 1956. Converted to B–47 jet bombers in 1954. Service-tested a “super wing” concept with 70 B–47s, Jul 1959–Apr 1961. Moved to Barksdale AFB, LA, on 1 Apr 1963, replacing 4238th Strategic Wing and absorbing that wing’s B–52 and K–135 resources. Supported Second Air Force’s post-attack command and control system, Apr 1963–Mar 1970. Conducted bombardment training and air refueling operations, Apr 1963 to date except for periods when all aircraft and crews were on loan to SAC organizations involved

in combat operations in Southeast Asia. Began supporting SAC operations in Southeast Asia with aircraft and personnel in 1965, and increasingly supported these operations in 1966 and 1967. On 15 Apr 1968, gained a second B-52 and a second KC-135 squadron, again becoming a SAC “super” wing. From late May 1972 until 26 Oct 1973, loaned all wing B-52 resources to SAC organizations in the Far East and Southeast Asia; from May 1972 to early Nov 1972, loaned all but four of the wing’s KC-135s and a few aircrews to other SAC units. After the return of combat resources, the wing continued supporting SAC operations in Southeast Asia into 1975, on a reduced scale. Gained KC-10 tankers in Nov 1981 to augment refueling operations for the USAF, AFRES, and ANG. Provided air refueling for rescue efforts in Grenada, Oct–Nov 1983, the attack on Libya, Apr 1986, and the invasion of Panama, Dec 1989–Jan 1990. Presented the Omaha Trophy for “the Outstanding Wing in the Strategic Air Command” for 1988 and 1992. Deployed B-52, KC-135, and KC-10 aircraft, aircrews, and support personnel to several locations in support of operations in Southwest Asia, 7 Aug 1990–17 Apr 1991. On the opening day of the war, launched seven B-52s from Barksdale AFB against enemy targets in Iraq, resulting in the longest combat mission in aviation history and the first combat launching of conventional Air Launched Cruise Missiles (ALCM). Gave up the 2d and 32d Air Refueling Squadrons and all KC-10s to Air Mobility Command on 1 Jun 1992.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Grenada, 1983.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Nov 1956–1 Apr 1957; 1 Jul 1986–30 Jun 1987; 1 Jul 1987–30 Jun 1989.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 2d Operations Group prior to 5 Nov 1947.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. World War I: St. Mihiel; Lorraine; Meuse-Argonne. World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater; Air Offensive, Europe; Tunisia; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Anzio; Rome-Arno; Normandy; Northern France; Southern France; North Apennines; Rhineland; Central Europe; Po Valley; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Decorations. Distinguished Unit Citations: Steyr, Austria, 24 Feb 1944; Germany, 25 Feb 1944.

Emblem

Or, in fess four aerial bombs descending bendwise sinister Azure garnished Argent on a chief engrailed Vert a fleur-de-lis White between two pallets Sable, all within a diminished bordure of the first. Approved for the 2d Group on 19 Jan 1924 and for the 2d Wing on 10 Aug 1951 (KE 30504). *Motto:* LIBERTATEM DEFENDIMUS — Liberty We Defend. Approved for the 2d Group on 15 Apr 1940 and for the 2d Wing on 10 Aug 1951.



3d Wing

Established as 3d Bombardment Wing, Light, on 10 Aug 1948. Activated on 18 Aug 1948. Redesignated: 3d Bombardment Wing, Tactical, on 1 Oct 1955; 3d Tactical Fighter Wing on 8 Jan 1964; 3d Wing on 19 Dec 1991.

Assignments

314th Air Division, 18 Aug 1948; Fifth Air Force, 1 Mar 1950; 41st Air Division, 1 Mar 1955; Fifth Air Force, 1 Feb 1957; 41st Air Division, 10 Nov 1958; Twelfth Air Force, 8 Jan 1964 (attached to 4481st Air Division, Provisional, 8 Jan–30 Jun 1964); 834th Air Division, 1 Jul 1964; 2d Air Division, 8 Nov 1965; Seventh Air Force, 1 Apr 1966; Fifth Air Force, 15 Mar 1971; 314th Air Division, 15 Mar 1971; Thirteenth Air Force, 16 Sep 1974; Eleventh Air Force, 19 Dec 1991–.

Components

Group. 3d Bombardment (later, 3d Operations): 18 Aug 1948–25 Oct 1957 (detached 20 Jul–30 Nov 1950); 19 Dec 1991–.

Squadrons. 1st Air Commando (later, 1st Special Operations): attached 21 Nov 1965–8 Mar 1966; assigned 15 Jan 1981–1 Mar 1983. 1st Test: 16 Sep 1974–1 Jan 1980 (detached 15 Mar 1979–1 Jan 1980). 3d Tactical Electronic Warfare Training: 15 May 1976–1 Jan 1980. 3d Tactical Fighter: 15 Dec 1975–19 Dec 1991 (detached 15–16 Dec 1975). 7th Airborne Command and Control: 31 Mar–14 Aug 1975 (detached). 8th Bombardment (later, 8th Attack): attached 13 Aug 1956–24 Oct 1957, assigned 25 Oct 1957–8 Jan 1964 (detached 1 Sep 1963–8 Jan 1964); assigned 15 Nov 1969–30 Sep 1970. 8th Tactical Reconnaissance: attached 18 Apr 1949–1 Apr 1950. 10th Fighter: 8 Apr 1966–17 Apr 1967. 13th Bombardment: attached 13 Aug 1956–24 Oct 1957, assigned 25 Oct 1957–8 Jan 1964 (detached 1 Sep 1963–8 Jan 1964). 20th Operations: 16 Sep 1974–31 Mar 1975. 25th Tactical Fighter: 18–19 Dec 1975. 26th Tactical Fighter (later, 26th Tactical Fighter Training; 26th Tactical Fighter Training Aggressor; 26th Aggressor): 16 Sep 1974–1 Oct 1988. 35th Tactical Fighter: 15 Mar 1971–16 Sep 1974 (detached 1 Apr–12 Oct 1972). 36th Tactical Fighter: 15 May 1971–16 Sep 1974. 40th Fighter-Interceptor: attached 1 Dec 1961–31 May 1962. 44th Tactical Fighter: attached 3 Apr–2 Jun 1972 and 28 Jul–8 Sep 1972. 67th Tactical Fighter: attached 2 Jun–28 Jul 1972 and 8 Sep–16 Oct 1972. 68th Tactical Fighter: 16 Sep 1974–30 Sep 1975. 80th Tactical Fighter: 15 Mar 1971–16 Sep 1974. 90th Bombardment (later, 90th Tactical Fighter; 90th Attack; 90th Tactical Fighter): attached 13 Aug 1956–24 Oct 1957, assigned 25 Oct 1957–8 Jan 1964 (detached 1 Sep 1963–8 Jan 1964); assigned 9 Jun 1964–19 Nov 1965 (detached 3 Feb–10 May 1965 and 3 Aug–19 Nov 1965); assigned 3 Feb 1966–31 Oct 1970; assigned 16 Sep 1974–29 May 1991. 307th Tactical Fighter: attached 21 Nov–6 Dec 1965. 308th Tactical Fighter: 2 Dec 1965–25 Dec 1966 (detached 15 Nov–25 Dec 1966). 310th Attack:

15–30 Nov 1969. 311th Attack: 15 Nov–15 Dec 1969. 416th Tactical Fighter: 16 Jun 1964–8 Nov 1965 (detached 14 Mar–21 Jul 1965); 16 Nov 1965–15 Apr 1967 (detached 16 Nov 1965–15 Jun 1966). 421st Air Refueling: attached 21 Nov 1960–1 Jun 1962. 429th Tactical Fighter: attached c. 21 Nov–14 Dec 1965. 510th Tactical Fighter: 16 Mar 1964–15 Nov 1969 (detached 5 May–c. 20 Aug 1965). 531st Tactical Fighter: 16 Jun 1964–19 Nov 1965 (detached 2 Nov 1964–18 Mar 1965); 7 Dec 1965–31 Jul 1970. 602d Fighter: attached 21 Nov 1965–8 Mar 1966. 604th Air Commando (later, 604th Special Operations): attached 15 Nov 1967–1 Mar 1970, assigned 1 Mar–30 Sep 1970. 731st Bombardment: attached 1 Dec 1950–25 Jun 1951. 6091st Reconnaissance: attached 21 Nov 1960–c. 5 Jun 1962.

Stations

Yokota AB, Japan, 18 Aug 1948; Johnson AB, Japan, 1 Apr 1950; Yokota AB, Japan, 14 Aug 1950; Iwakuni AB, Japan, 1 Dec 1950; Kunsan AB, South Korea, 22 Aug 1951; Johnson AB, Japan, 1 Oct 1954; Yokota AB, Japan, 18 Nov 1960–8 Jan 1964; England AFB, LA, 8 Jan 1964–Nov 1965; Bien Hoa AB, South Vietnam, 8 Nov 1965; Kunsan AB, South Korea, 15 Mar 1971; Clark AB, Philippines, 16 Sep 1974–19 Dec 1991; Elmendorf AFB, AK, 19 Dec 1991–.

Commanders

Col James R. Gunn, Jr., 18 Aug 1948; Col Gerry L. Mason, 16 Jun 1949; Lt Col Wilmer A. Hardesty, 17 Jun 1949; Col Robert W. Witty, 24 Jun 1949; Col Lawrence C. Coddington, 1 Apr 1950; Col Thomas B. Hall, c. Jun 1950; Col Strother B. Hardwick, Jr., c. Jul 1950; Col Virgil L. Zoller, 14 Aug 1950; Col Donald L. Clark, 23 Aug 1950; Col Virgil L. Zoller, 1 Dec 1950; Col Nils O. Ohman, 24 Jul 1951; Col Marshall R. Gray, 4 Mar 1952; Col Eugene B. LeBailly, 14 Aug 1952; Col Roger E. Phelan, 12 Aug 1953; Col William H. Matthews, 2 Feb 1954; Col Edwin A. Doss, 22 Feb 1954; Col William B. Reed, 2 Apr 1954; Col Homer C. Munsan, 1 Aug 1954; Col Howard F. Bronson, Jr., 6 Aug 1954; Col Cecil P. Lessig, 10 Sep 1954; Col Anthony V. Grossetta, 1 Mar 1955; Col Edward R. Casey, 3 May 1955; Col Rufus H. Holloway, 9 Jun 1955; Col George Y. Jumper, 16 Aug 1955; Col Clarence L. Elder, 10 Jun 1958; Col James B. Tipton, 10 Jul 1958; Col Robert J. Ahern, 22 Jun 1959; Col Leo Hawel, Jr., 22 Jun 1961; Col Carl R. Norton, 28 Jun 1962; Col Francis E. Timlin, 1 Aug 1962; Col Charles S. Overstreet, Jr., 3 Sep 1963–8 Jan 1964 (additional duty); unkn, 9 Jan–18 Feb 1964; Col Philip Brooks, 19 Feb 1964; Col Waring W. Wilson, 28 May 1965; Col Robert A. Ackerly, 19 Jul 1965; Col Richard C. Catledge, 1 Nov 1966;

Col George W. McLaughlin, 30 Sep 1967; Col Homer K. Hansen, 5 May 1968; Col Howard M. Lane, 1 Apr 1969; Col William E. Charlson, 11 Apr–31 Oct 1970; none (not manned), 1 Nov 1970–14 Mar 1971; Col Abner M. Aust, Jr., 15 Mar 1971; Col Charles A. Watry, 17 Nov 1971; Col Paul A. Kauttu, 5 Oct 1972; Col Harry W. Schurr, 19 Nov 1973; Col George L. Schulstad, 16 Sep 1974; Col Lacy W. Breckenridge, 14 Mar 1975; Col Alfred M. Miller, Jr., 25 Mar 1975; Col James R. Brown, 13 Oct 1976; Col Thomas S. Swalm, 1 Aug 1978; Col Martin H. Mahrt, 20 Feb 1979; Col Thomas G. McInerney, 31 Mar 1979; Brig Gen John A. Corder, 6 Feb 1981; Col Willard R. MacFarlane, 5 Aug 1983; Col Charles F. Luigs, 25 May 1985; Col Ronald W. Iverson, 27 Mar 1986; Col Frank D. Garza, 25 Feb 1988; Col Jeffrey R. Grime, 26 Jan 1990; Col Bruce M. Freeman, 7 Aug 1991; Col Rodney P. Kelly, 19 Dec 1991–.

Aircraft

B–26, 1948–1950, 1950–1956; F–15, 1949; RF–80, 1949–1950; C–47, 1951; B–57, 1956–1963; RB–50, 1960–1961; KB–50, 1960–1962; C–130, 1961–1962; F–102, 1961–1962; F–100, 1964–1970; F–5, 1965–1967; A–1, 1965–1966; U–10, 1965–1966; C/AC/HC–47, 1965–1966; A–37, 1967–1970; F–4, 1971–1974, 1974–1991; T–33, 1974–1987; C–9, 1974–1975; CH–3, 1974–1975; T–38, 1976–1980; F–5, 1977–1988; MC–130, 1980–1983; F–15, 1991–; C–12, 1992–; C–130, 1992–.

Operations

Trained as a bombardment and reconnaissance wing prior to Korean War. Performed reconnaissance and interdiction combat missions from Iwakuni AB, Japan, at the beginning of the Korean War, 1–19 Jul 1950. From 20 Jul to 1 Dec 1950 the tactical group and its squadrons served under operational control of another organization. The wing assumed a supporting role, initially from Johnson AB, Japan, but later from Yokota AB, Japan. Wing returned to Iwakuni AB on 1 Dec 1950, regained control of its combat units and performed night intruder combat missions. Moved to South Korea in Aug 1951 and interdicted main supply routes in western North Korea for the remainder of the war. After the Korean War, the wing participated successively in bombardment, air defense, reconnaissance, and air refueling training. Its headquarters was non-operational 1 Sep 1963 to 8 Jan 1964. Moved to the United States without personnel or equipment in Jan 1964, then trained and rotated its squadrons in detached status to Southeast Asia for combat duty. Moved in Nov 1965 to Bien Hoa AB, South Vietnam, a forward operating base which frequently came under enemy mortar and rocket fire.

Missions included close air support, counterinsurgency, forward air control, interdiction, and radar-controlled bombing. Supported numerous ground operations with strike missions against enemy fortifications, supply areas, lines of communication and personnel, in addition to suppressing fire in landing areas. During this time, wing also participated in combat evaluation of F–5 and A–37 aircraft. Unmanned and unequipped on 31 Oct 1970, the wing remained active in a “paper” status until it moved to South Korea on 15 Mar 1971, to be manned and equipped with F–4 aircraft. In Sep 1974, moved without personnel or equipment to Clark AB, Philippines, replacing the 405th Fighter Wing. Participated in frequent operational exercises and evaluations. Between 5 Apr and 31 May 1975, wing used its facilities as a staging area for Operations Baby Lift (evacuation of Vietnamese orphans from South Vietnam to the United States) and New Life (evacuation of Vietnamese adults to the United States for resettlement). Performed fighter aggressor training operations using T–38 and later F–5E aircraft from 1976 to 1988; deployed throughout Pacific Air Forces to provide dissimilar aircraft combat training to US and allied fighter units. Deployed aircraft from the Philippines to Korea annually to participate in multinational joint-service combined forces exercises, 1978–1991. With addition of the F–4G “Wild Weasel” aircraft in 1979, the wing acquired dual role capabilities of air-to-air/air-to-ground and defense suppression/electronic countermeasures. Assignment of the 1st Special Operations Squadron, equipped with MC–130 aircraft, provided the wing with an unconventional warfare capability, Jan 1981–Mar 1983. Operated UH–1N helicopters, 1988–1991, for drone recovery, VIP airlift, range support, Philippine air defense site support, and medical evacuation. At the end of May 1991, the last F–4 aircraft departed the wing, shortly before the eruption of Mount Pinatubo in Jun 1991. Wing was not operational from Jun 1991 until it moved on paper to Elmendorf AFB on 19 Dec 1991, replacing the 21st Tactical Fighter Wing. Expanded the air defense mission of Alaska with the F–15E aircraft to include deep interdiction and air-to-air capabilities. Also added an airlift mission in Apr 1992.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

Korea: UN Defensive; CCF Intervention; First UN Counteroffensive; CCF Spring Offensive; UN Summer–Fall Offensive; Second Korean Winter; Korea Summer–Fall, 1952; Third Korean Winter; Korea Summer, 1953.

Vietnam: Vietnam Defensive; Vietnam Air; Vietnam Air Offensive; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air/ Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; TET 69/Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer–Fall, 1969; Vietnam Winter–Spring, 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Presidential Unit Citations (Vietnam): 8 Jun 1966–16 Apr 1967; 6 Mar 1968–31 Jul 1969. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat “V” Device: 31 Jan–5 Mar 1968; 1 Aug 1969–20 Jan 1970; 21 Jan–31 Oct 1970. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jun 1958–30 Jun 1960; 1 Jul 1960–31 Mar 1962; 1 May 1964–16 Jul 1965; 1 Jul 1972–31 Dec 1973; 1 May 1980–30 Apr 1982; 22 Mar–1 Apr 1986; 1 Jan 1989–1 Jun 1990. Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation: 27 Jun–31 Jul 1950. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Crosses with Palm: 25 Nov 1965–19 May 1969; 1 Apr 1966–31 Oct 1970; 1 May–30 Sep 1970.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 3d Operations Group prior to 18 Aug 1948.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater; East Indies; Air Offensive, Japan; Papua; New Guinea; Bismarck Archipelago; Western Pacific; Leyte; Luzon; Southern Philippines.

Decorations. Distinguished Unit Citations: Papua, 23 Jul 1942–23 Jan 1943; New Guinea, 17 Aug 1943. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation.

Emblem

Per bend Vert and Sable a bend Azure fimbriated Or in sinister chief a prickly pear cactus of the like, all within a bordure Argent semi of nineteen crosses patee Black and fimbriated Yellow. *Motto:* NON SOLUM ARMIS — Not by Arms Alone. Approved for 3d Group on 17 Jan 1922 and for 3d Wing on 22 Dec 1952 (KE 6707).



4th Wing

Established as 4th Fighter Wing on 28 Jul 1947. Organized on 15 Aug 1947.
Redesignated: 4th Fighter-Interceptor Wing on 20 Jan 1950; 4th Fighter-Bomber Wing on 8 Mar 1955; 4th Fighter-Day Wing on 25 Apr 1956; 4th Tactical Fighter Wing on 1 Jul 1958; 4th Wing on 22 Apr 1991.

Assignments

Strategic Air Command, 15 Aug 1947; Fourteenth Air Force, 1 Dec 1948 (attached to First Air Force, 15 Jan–22 Feb 1949); Ninth Air Force, 23 Feb 1949 (attached to Eastern Air Defense Force, 10 Nov 1949–; further attached to 26th Air Division [Defense], 20 Feb 1950–); First Air Force, 1 Aug 1950 (remained attached to Eastern Air Defense Force and further attached to 26th Air Division [Defense]); Eastern Air Defense Force, 1 Sep 1950 (remained attached to 26th Air Division [Defense] to c. 19 Nov 1950; attached to Fifth Air Force, 28 Nov 1950–7 Mar 1955; further attached to 314th Air Division, 22 Dec 1950–7 May 1951; further attached to 39th Air Division, 1–7 Mar 1955); 39th Air Division, 8 Mar 1955; Ninth Air Force, 8 Dec 1957; Twelfth Air Force, 1 Jul 1960; Ninth Air Force, 1 Jan 1962 (attached to 2d Air Division [Provisional], 21 Oct–c. 29 Nov 1962); 833d Air Division, 1 Oct 1964 (attached to Fifth Air Force ADVON, 29 Jan–c. 29 Jul 1968); Ninth Air Force, 24 Dec 1969–.

Components

Wings. 354th Tactical Fighter: attached 5–24 Jul 1968

Groups. 4th Fighter (later, 4th Fighter-Interceptor; 4th Fighter-Bomber; 4th Fighter-Day; 4th Operations): 15 Aug 1947–8 Dec 1957; 22 Apr 1991–. 363d Tactical Reconnaissance: attached 26 Apr 1949–c. 1 Aug 1950.

Squadrons. 7th Fighter-Bomber: attached 21 Mar–1 Jul 1957. 333d Fighter-Day (later, 333d Tactical Fighter): 8 Dec 1957–4 Dec 1965 (detached 10 Mar 1964–c. 15 Mar 1965). 334th Fighter-Day (later, 334th Tactical Fighter): 8 Dec 1957–22 Apr 1991 (detached 1 Apr–13 Aug 1963, 15 Feb–29 May 1965, 28 Aug 1965–5 Feb 1966, 13 Dec 1969–c. 31 May 1970, 11 Apr–5 Aug 1972, 30 Sep 1972–18 Mar 1973, 29 Aug–29 Sep 1980, 26 Aug–29 Sep 1981, 22 May–20 Jun 1984). 335th Fighter-Day (later, 335th Tactical Fighter): 8 Dec 1957–22 Apr 1991 (detached 1 May 1960–22 Nov 1961, 16 Nov 1964–21 Feb 1965, 3 Jul–15 Dec 1965, 4 Dec 1969–c. 25 May 1970, 6 Jul–22 Dec 1972, 2 Sep–2 Oct 1978, 28 Aug–29 Sep 1979, 27 Dec 1990–22 Apr 1991). 336th Fighter-Day (later, 336th Tactical Fighter): 8 Dec 1957–22 Apr 1991 (detached 12 Aug 1963–7 Jan 1964, 25 May–30 Aug 1965, 12 Apr–30 Sep 1972, 9 Mar–7 Sep 1973, 25 Mar–17 Apr 1977, 11 Sep–13 Oct 1978, 31 Aug–1 Oct 1979, 26 Aug–26 Sep 1980, 5 Sep–3 Oct 1983, 26 Aug–26 Sep 1985, 9 Aug 1990–13 Mar 1991). 337th Tactical Fighter: 1 Apr 1982–1 Jul 1985. 339th Fighter-Interceptor: attached 18 Nov 1954–15 Sep 1957. 476th Tactical Fighter: 25 Sep 1968–18 Mar 1969. 558th Tactical Fighter: attached 4 Feb–10 Mar 1968 and 26 Mar–22 Jul 1968.

Stations

Andrews AFB, MD, 15 Aug 1947; Langley AFB, VA, 26 Apr 1949; New Castle County Aprt, DE, 8 Sep–19 Nov 1950; Johnson AB, Japan, 28 Nov 1950; Suwon AB, South Korea, 7 May 1951; Kimpo AB, South Korea, 23 Aug 1951; Chitose AB, Japan, 1 Oct 1954–8 Dec 1957; Seymour Johnson AFB, NC, 8 Dec 1957–.

Commanders

Brig Gen Yantis H. Taylor, 15 Aug 1947; Col Arthur C. Agan, Jr., 17 Feb 1949; Col Robert W. C. Wimsatt, 26 Apr 1949; Col Henry B. Fisher, 14 Jun 1949; Col Albert L. Evans, Jr., 13 Aug 1949; Col Bela A. Harcos, 22 Aug 1949; Brig Gen George F. Smith, 3 Oct 1949; Col Herman A. Schmid, May 1951; Col Harrison R. Thyng, 1 Nov 1951; Col Charles E. King, 2 Oct 1952; Col James K. Johnson, 11 Nov 1952; Col Donald P. Hall, 9 Aug 1953; Col Neil A. Newman, 30 Jun 1954; Col Alvin E. Hebert, 10 Aug 1954; Col Grover C. Brown, 1 May 1955; Col Robert P. Montgomery, 17 Aug 1956; Col Earle R. Myers, 6 Jun 1957; Col James M. Smelley, 2 Jul 1957; Col Robert C. Richardson III, 8 Dec 1957; Col Timothy F. O'Keefe, 5 Jan 1958; Brig Gen Joseph H. Moore, 28 Feb 1959; Col Albert L. Evans, Jr., 18 Oct 1961; Brig Gen Gordon M. Graham, 15 Jul 1962; Col John R. Murphy, 16 Oct 1963; Col William E. Bryan, Jr., 4 Jan 1965; Col Homer C. Boles, 27 Jan 1966; Col William R. Eichelberger, 30 May 1966; Col Robert V. Spencer, 1 Jul 1966; Col William R. Eichelberger, 28 Jan 1967; Col Paul C. Watson, 17 Feb 1967; Col Everett N. Farrell, 6 Jan 1968; Col Jack W. Hayes, Jr., 26 Jan 1968; Col Charles E. Yeager, 23 Mar 1968; Col Marion L. Boswell, 30 May 1969; Col Walter P. Paluch, Jr., 16 May 1970; Col James R. Hildreth, 19 Feb 1971; Col John E. Ralph, 21 Apr 1972; Col Len C. Russell, 21 May 1973; Col James N. Portis, 11 Feb 1974; Col Robert D. Russ, 7 Aug 1975; Col Robert S. Beale, 6 Jun 1976; Col Craven C. Rogers, Jr., 2 Jun 1978; Col Peter T. Kempf, 19 Jun 1980; Col Lawrence E. Huggins, 24 May 1982; Col Gerald A. Daniel, 29 May 1984; Col William J. Ball, 19 Mar 1986; Col John O. McFalls III, 18 Mar 1988; Col Hal M. Hornburg, 23 Apr 1990; Col James C. Wray, 10 Aug 1990 (acting); Col Hal M. Hornburg, 15 Mar 1991; Maj Gen Eldon W. Joersz, 31 Jul 1992–.

Aircraft

P (later, F)–80, 1947–1949, 1954; RB–26, 1949–1950; B–45, 1949–1950; FP–80, 1949–1950; RF–80, 1949–1950; F–86, 1949–1957, 1957–1958; F–100, 1957–1960; F–105, 1958–1966; F–4, 1967–1991; F–15, 1988–; KC–10, 1991–; T–38, 1993–.

Operations

Performed tactical operations as part of air defense in the United States, 1947–1948. Flew air defense with own components, and reconnaissance and bombardment with attached 363d Tactical Reconnaissance Group (which itself had two fighter-bomber squadrons attached), 1948–1950. Moved to Japan in Nov 1950. The tactical group moved to South Korea for combat in Dec 1950, but the wing remained in Japan, performing air defense operations. Moved to South Korea in May 1951 and primarily conducted air superiority operations, 7 May 1951–27 Jul 1953. Wing components accounted for more than 500 air-to-air kills, and produced 25 aces. Also performed bomber escort and interdiction missions. Provided air defense and reconnaissance in Korea, Japan, Formosa, and the Philippines, 1953–1957. Returned to the United States in Dec 1957. Participated in tactical evaluation of the F-105 aircraft, May 1958–Oct 1961. Deployed in Florida during the Cuban missile crisis, 21 Oct–29 Nov 1962. Operated an F-105 replacement training function, Mar–Nov 1966. Deployed at Kunsan AB, South Korea, following the *Pueblo* crisis, Jan–Jul 1968. Rotated tactical squadrons to Ubon RTAFB, Thailand, as augmentees of the 8th TFW for combat operations, Apr 1972 until the end of the Southeast Asian conflict. Executed short-term deployments to Korea and Germany during 1977 and assumed a dual-based mission that required annual deployments to Europe through 1985. Continued deployments to Denmark and Germany in 1987 and 1989. Began conversion to F-15E aircraft in Dec 1988. At the height of transition training, deployed 335th and 336th squadrons and support personnel to Saudi Arabia, to participate in the Gulf War to liberate Kuwait, beginning in Aug 1990. Continued rotating squadron elements to Saudi Arabia 1991–present. In Apr 1991 added two air refueling squadrons equipped with KC-10 aircraft.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

Korea: CCF Spring Offensive; UN Summer–Fall Offensive; Second Korean Winter; Korea Summer–Fall, 1952; Third Korean Winter; Korea Summer, 1953. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Air Force Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1967–30 Jun 1968; 16 Sep 1973–15 Apr 1974; 22 Nov 1974–31 Dec 1975; 2 Feb 1976–18 Apr 1977; 1 Jun 1982–31 May 1984; 1 Jan 1987–30 Jun 1988; 1 Jul 1989–22 Apr 1991; 23 Apr 1991–31 Mar 1993. Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citations: 1 Nov 1951–30 Sep 1952; 1 Oct 1952–31 Mar 1953.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 4th Operations Group prior to 15 Aug 1947.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe.

Decorations. Distinguished Unit Citation: France, 5 Mar–24 Apr 1944.

Emblem

Azure, on a bend Or, a spear garnished with three eagle feathers and shaft flammant to base all proper, all within a diminished bordure Or. Motto: FOURTH BUT FIRST. Approved for 4th Group on 26 Sep 1949 and for 4th Wing on 7 Oct 1952 (K 4941).



5th Bomb Wing

Established as 5th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing on 1 Jul 1949. Activated on 16 Jul 1949. Redesignated: 5th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, Heavy, on 14 Nov 1950; 5th Bombardment Wing, Heavy, on 1 Oct 1955; 5th Wing on 1 Sep 1991; 5th Bomb Wing on 1 Jun 1992.

Assignments

311th Air Division, 16 Jul 1949; Second Air Force, 1 Nov 1949 (attached to 9th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, 12 Nov 1949–); Fifteenth Air Force, 1 Apr 1950 (remained attached to 9th Bombardment Wing, Heavy [later, 9th Bombardment Wing, Medium] to 10 Feb 1951); 14th Air (later, 14th Strategic Aerospace) Division, 10 Feb 1951 (attached to 3d Air Division, 14 Jan–12 Apr 1955); 810th Strategic Aerospace Division, 25 Jul 1968; 47th Air Division, 30 Jun 1971; Fifteenth Air Force, 30 Nov 1972 (attached to Air Division Provisional, 810th, 30 Nov 1972–14 Jan 1973); 47th Air Division, 15 Jan 1973; 57th Air Division, 22 Jan 1975; Fifteenth Air Force, 14 Jun 1991; Eighth Air Force, 1 Sep 1991–.

Components

Group. 5th Strategic Reconnaissance (later, 5th Operations): 16 Jul 1949–16 Jun 1952 (detached 12 Nov 1949–10 Feb 1951); 1 Sep 1991–.

Squadrons. 23d: attached 10 Feb 1951–15 Jun 1952, assigned 16 Jun 1952–1 Sep 1991. 31st: attached 10 Feb 1951–15 Jun 1952, assigned 16 Jun 1952–1 Oct 1959, attached 2 Oct 1959–18 Jan 1960. 72d: attached 10 Feb 1951–15 Jun 1952, assigned 16 Jun 1952–1 Jul 1958. 129th: attached 14 Oct 1952–1 Jan 1953. 347th: attached 1 Jan–12 Sep 1953. 906th Air Refueling: 25 Jul 1968–1 Sep 1991. 916th Air Refueling: 1 Sep 1959–25 Jul 1968.

Stations

Mountain Home AFB, ID, 16 Jul 1949; Fairfield-Suisun (later, Travis) AFB, CA, 12 Nov 1949; Minot AFB, ND, 25 Jul 1968–.

Commanders

Col Waldine W. Messmore, 16 Jul 1949; Col Horace M. Wade, 12 Nov 1949; Col John H. Davis, 26 Nov 1949; Brig Gen Robert F. Travis, 1 Feb 1950; Col Carlos J. Cochrane, 6 Aug 1950; Col Joe W. Kelly, 10 Aug 1950; Col Walter E. Arnold, 10 Feb 1951; Col Willis E. Beightol, 27 Sep 1953; Brig Gen Edwin B. Broadhurst, 1 Oct 1953; Col Albert F. Fahy, Jr., 14 Jan 1955; Col Edwin G. Simenson, 9 Mar 1955; Col Albert F. Fahy, Jr., 3 Mar 1956; Col Lucion N. Powell, 23 Mar 1956; Col Charles J. Beck, 17 Apr 1960; Col Martin E. Plocher, 2 Jun 1962; Col William R. Smith, 4 Jun 1962; Col Robert E. Blauw, 21 Apr 1964; Col Rodger L. Howard, 7 Jul 1964; Col Richard M. Hoban, 27 Jun 1966; Col Robert E. Blauw, 10 Jun 1967; Col George E. Burch, 2 Jul 1968; Col William W. Culbertson, 25 Jul 1968; Col Bob M. Garner, 18 Jul 1970; Col William G. MacLaren, Jr., 10 May 1972;

Col William A. Eveland, 24 Jul 1974; Col Kenneth L. Peek, Jr., 28 Jul 1975; Col James D. Gormley, 31 Jan 1977; Col Pintard M. Dyer III, c. 8 Oct 1978; Col Alfred D. Herring, 5 May 1980; Col Fredrick B. Jaicks, 12 Feb 1981; Col Allan C. Blaisdell, 5 Mar 1982; Col Alan V. Rogers, 2 Feb 1983; Col Robert M. Marquette, Jr., 13 Jun 1984; Col Benard W. Gann, 23 May 1986; Col John Wiley III, 16 Mar 1988; Col Kenneth S. Boykin, 24 Apr 1989; Col David L. Young, 25 May 1989; Col William R. Hodges, 31 Oct 1991–.

Aircraft

B–29, 1949; RB–29, 1949, 1951; RB–36, 1951–1958; B–36, 1955–1958; B–52, 1959–1968, 1968–; KC–135, 1959–1968, 1968–1992; EC–135, 1968–1969.

Operations

Performed long-range strategic reconnaissance, Jul 1949–Oct 1955, with some limited reconnaissance to Sep 1958. Fully integrated with 9th Strategic Reconnaissance (later, 9th Bombardment) Wing, 12 Nov 1949–10 Feb 1951; maintained a manned headquarters, but had no operational control over assigned units, and from 1 Feb 1950 to 10 Feb 1951 shared a commander in common with the 9th Wing. Began maintaining proficiency in strategic bombardment in Jul 1953 but was not redesignated as a bombardment wing until Oct 1955. Added air refueling to other missions in Dec 1959. Phased down at Travis AFB, CA, in 1968 and moved without personnel or equipment to Minot AFB, ND, absorbing resources of the 450th Bombardment Wing, Heavy. Supported the post-attack command and control system (PACCS), Jul 1968–Dec 1969. Continued global strategic bombardment training and air refueling operations, including loan of KC–135 aircraft and crews and B–52 crews to SAC organizations involved in combat operations in Southeast Asia, 1968–1975. Won the Omaha Trophy as the outstanding wing in SAC for 1985. Won the SAC Bombing and Navigation Competition and the Fairchild Trophy in 1988. Personnel and KC–135 aircraft deployed in support of operations in Southwest Asia, 1990–1991. Relieved of air refueling mission in Jun 1992.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1983–30 Jun 1984; 1 Jul 1985–30 Jun 1986; 1 Jul 1991–30 Jun 1993.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 5th Operations Group prior to 16 Jul 1949.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. World War II: Central Pacific; Guadalcanal; New Guinea; Northern Solomons; Eastern Mandates; Bismarck Archipelago; Western Pacific; Leyte; Luzon; Southern Philippines.

Decorations. Distinguished Unit Citations: Woleai Island, 18 Apr–15 May 1944; Borneo, 30 Sep 1944. Presidential Unit Citation (Navy): South Pacific, [1–9 Dec] 1942. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation.

Emblem

Party per pale, nebuly, Vert and Sable, a death's head Argent, winged Or, all within a diminished bordure of the last. *Motto*: KIAI O KA LEWA — Guardians of the upper regions. Approved for 5th Group on 21 Jun 1924 and for 5th Wing on 12 Aug 1954 (K 8572).



6th Air Base Wing

Established as 6th Bombardment Wing, Medium, on 20 Dec 1950. Activated on 2 Jan 1951. Redesignated: 6th Bombardment Wing, Heavy, on 16 Jun 1952; 6th Strategic Aerospace Wing on 1 May 1962; 6th Strategic Wing on 25 Mar 1967; 6th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing on 1 Apr 1988. Inactivated on 1 Sep 1992. Redesignated 6th Air Base Wing on 22 Dec 1993. Activated on 4 Jan 1994.

Assignments

Eighth Air Force, 2 Jan 1951; 47th Air (later, 47th Strategic Aerospace) Division, 10 Feb 1951 (attached to 3d Air Division, 31 Oct 1955–26 Jan 1956); 22d Strategic Aerospace Division, 1 Jul 1963; 12th Strategic Aerospace Division, 1 Jul 1965; 18th Strategic Aerospace Division, 25 Mar 1967; 12th Strategic Aerospace Division, 2 Jul 1968; 14th Strategic Aerospace Division, 30 Jun 1971; 47th Air Division, 1 Oct 1976; 14th Air Division, 1 Oct 1985; 3d Air Division, 9 Aug 1990; Fifteenth Air Force, 1 Apr–1 Sep 1992. Ninth Air Force, 4 Jan 1994–.

Components

Group. 6th: 2 Jan 1951–16 Jun 1952.

Squadrons. 6th Air Refueling: 3 Jan 1958–25 Jan 1967. 24th Bombardment (later, 24th Strategic Reconnaissance): attached 2 Jan 1951–15 Jun 1952, assigned 16 Jun 1952–25 Jan 1967; assigned 25 Mar 1967–7 Jul 1992. 39th: attached 2 Jan 1951–15 Jun 1952, assigned 16 Jun 1952–15 Sep 1963. 40th: attached 2 Jan 1951–15 Jun 1952, assigned 16 Jun 1952–25 Jan 1967. 307th Air Refueling: attached c. 1 Aug 1951–16 Jun 1952. 310th Air Refueling: 25 Jun 1965–25 Jan 1967. 597th Strategic Missile: 1 Sep 1961–25 Mar 1965. 4129th Combat Crew Training: 1 Aug 1959–15 Sep 1963.

Stations

Walker AFB, NM, 2 Jan 1951; Eielson AFB, AK, 25 Mar 1967–1 Sep 1992. MacDill AFB, FL, 4 Jan 1994–.

Commanders

Col Thomas S. Jeffrey, Jr., 2 Jan 1951; Col William K. Martin, 15 Jan 1951; Col Glen W. Martin, 20 May 1955; Col Everett W. Best, 21 Sep 1956; Col Daniel V. MacDonald, 3 Jun 1957; Lt Col Lewis R. Riley, 15 Aug 1957; Col Edwin C. Evans, 16 Sep 1957; Col Everett W. Best, 23 Sep 1957; Col Donald E. Hillman, 23 Feb 1960; Col Ernest C. Eddy, 18 Jul 1962; Col Floyd H. Haywood, Jr., 15 Jul 1963; Col Richard M. Hoban, 15 Apr 1965; Col Lester F. Miller, 15 Jun 1965; Col George P. Cole, 9 Jul 1966; Col Rowland H. Worrell, Jr., 2 Sep 1966; Col Martin E. Plocher, 25 Mar 1967; Col Ray M. Watkins, 11 Jul 1967; Col Leslie W. Brockwell, 4 Jun 1969; Col Melford W. Lewis, 23 Jun 1970; Col Doyle F. Reynolds, 5 Jun 1972; Col Joe L. Church, 6 Dec 1973; Col William J. Campbell, 11 Jul 1974; Col Donald M. Griffin, 7 Oct 1975; Col Jimmy S. Lassetter, 28 May 1976; Col John A. Dale, 4 Oct 1977; Col William R. Perry, 26 Nov 1979; Col Benjamin F. Schneider, Jr.,

20 Jul 1981; Col Mark J. Heller, 29 Jul 1983; Col James W. Morrow, Jr., 3 Oct 1984; Col Thomas W. Young, 14 Jul 1986; Col James L. Holmes, Jr., 18 Nov 1987; Col George R. Warner, 10 Mar 1989; Col William G. Manire, Jr., 18 Jun 1990–unkn.

Aircraft and Missiles

B–29, 1951–1952; KB–29, 1951–1952; B–36, 1952–1957; B–52, 1957–1967; Atlas, 1962–1965; KC–135, 1958–1967, 1967–1992; RC–135, 1967–1992; TC–135, 1985–1992.

Operations

Conducted strategic bombardment training from activation in 1951 until 1 Sep 1959, with air refueling as additional mission in 1951–1952, and again from Apr 1958 until Jan 1967. Deployed at Andersen AFB, Guam, Oct 1955–Jan 1956. Two bombardment squadrons (24th and 30th) joined the 4129th CCTS in Sep 1959, training B–52 and KC–135 crews, while the 40th Bombardment Squadron continued flying operational missions until 10 Jun 1960. From 10 Jun 1960 to 1 Dec 1961 the wing flew a few operational missions in a non-combat ready status. A missile squadron joined the wing's resources in Sep 1961. The 40th Squadron returned to operational status on 1 Dec 1961, and on 5 Sep 1963 the other two bomb squadrons also regained tactical status. The 39th Squadron discontinued a few days later, but the 24th and 40th continued global bombardment training through Dec 1966, when they phased down for inactivation. The missile squadron phased out its Atlas operations in Feb 1965 and inactivated a month later. On 25 Mar 1967, the wing moved without personnel or equipment to Eielson AFB, AK, where it replaced the 4157th Strategic Wing and assumed resources and missions of that wing. In Alaska, the wing flew RC–135 strategic reconnaissance missions with an assigned squadron, and, with KC–135s deployed to Eielson from SAC, AFRES, and the ANG, conducted Alaska Task Force (ATTF) missions to support reconnaissance and numerous exercises for the Air Force and Navy. From Apr 1968 to Jul 1972 the wing periodically served as the airborne monitor of the Alaskan ballistic missile early warning station. The wing maintained a detachment at Shemya AFS, in the Aleutians, and operated from there, Feb–May 1975 and Jun–Sep 1976, when Eielson closed for repair of earthquake damage. Won the P.T. Cullen Award for greatest contributions to the photo and signal intelligence efforts of Strategic Air Command, 1973, 1978, and 1983. The 24th Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron left Eielson AFB on 7 Jul 1992; therefore, the wing lost its operational mission and later inactivated.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 May 1960–31 May 1962; 1 Jul 1971–30 Jun 1973; 1 Jul 1973–30 Jun 1975; 1 Jul 1976–30 Jun 1978; 1 Jul 1978–30 Jun 1980; 1 Jul 1981–30 Jun 1982; 1 Jul 1986–30 Jun 1987.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 6th Bombardment Group prior to 2 Jan 1951.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater; Air Offensive, Japan; Western Pacific.

Decorations. Distinguished Unit Citations: Tokyo, Japan, 25 May 1945; Japanese Empire, 9–19 Jul 1945.

Emblem

Or, pily of twelve Gules, overall a base Azure supporting a sailing ship with sails set affronte Sable, sails Argent, between two mounts issuing from dexter and sinister Vert, below a shooting star in dexter chief and a bi-wing aircraft, viewed from below Argent, garnished Sable, in sinister chief; all within a diminished bordure of the first. *Motto.* PARATI DEFENDERE — Ready to defend. Approved for the 6th Group on 22 Jan 1924 and adopted by the 6th Wing on 18 Mar 1955 (KE 2549); replaced by emblem approved on 21 Oct 1980 (KE 7162); original emblem reinstated on 20 Sep 1988 (KE 2549).



7th Wing

Established as 7th Bombardment Wing, Very Heavy, on 3 Nov 1947. Organized on 17 Nov 1947. Redesignated: 7th Bombardment Wing, Heavy, on 1 Aug 1948; 7th Wing on 1 Sep 1991; 7th Bomb Wing on 1 Jun 1992; 7th Wing on 1 Oct 1993.

Assignments

Eighth Air Force, 17 Nov 1947; 19th Air Division, 16 Feb 1951 (attached to 5th Air Division, 10 Jul–13 Sep 1955); Eighth Air Force, 13 Jun 1988–.

Components

Groups. 7th Bombardment (later, 7th Operations): 17 Nov 1947–16 Jun 1952; 1 Sep 1991–1 Jan 1993; 1 Oct 1993–. 11th: attached 1 Dec 1948–16 Feb 1951.

Squadrons. 7th Air Refueling: 1 Apr 1958–15 Apr 1960; 1 Mar 1964–1 Sep 1991. 9th: attached 16 Feb 1951–15 Jun 1952, assigned 16 Jun 1952–25 Jun 1968; assigned 31 Dec 1971–1 Sep 1991. 20th: 25 Jun 1965–1 Sep 1991. 98th: attached 1–10 Dec 1957. 436th: attached 16 Feb 1951–15 Jun 1952, assigned 16 Jun 1952–1 Aug 1958. 492d: attached 16 Feb 1951–15 Jun 1952, assigned 16 Jun 1952–15 Jun 1959. 919th Air Refueling: 15 Apr–15 Jul 1960. 920th Air Refueling: 15 Apr–15 Jul 1960. 4018th Combat Crew Training: 1 Apr 1974–31 Mar 1983.

Stations

Fort Worth AAFld (later, Griffiss AFB; Carswell AFB), TX, 17 Nov 1947; Dyess AFB, TX, 1 Oct 1993–.

Commanders

Col Alan D. Clark, 17 Nov 1947; Col William P. Fisher, 11 May 1949; Brig Gen Clarence S. Irvine, 3 Jan 1950; Col John A. Roberts, 16 Feb 1951; Col George T. Chadwell, 29 Oct 1951; Col John A. Roberts, 14 Apr 1952; Col George T. Chadwell, 2 Jan 1953; Col Clarence A. Neely, 1 May 1954; Col Raymond S. Sleeper, 1 Jul 1955; Col Frederick D. Berry, Jr., 3 Jul 1957; Col John A. Roberts, 16 Jul 1957; Col James Y. Parker, 5 Jan 1959; Col George J. Eade, 6 Jul 1961; Col Don W. Bailey, 17 Jul 1963; Col Vincent M. Crane, c. 28 Apr 1965; Col Don W. Bailey, c. 12 Jun 1965; unkn (wing headquarters depleted), c. 1 Aug–c. 30 Nov 1965; Col Don W. Bailey, c. 1 Dec 1965; Col Benjamin B. Shields, 1 Aug 1966; Col Ralph T. Holland, 12 Aug 1966; Col Carlton L. Lee, 23 Jun 1967; Col Winston F. Moore, 28 Jul 1968; Col Samuel E. Dyke, 30 Apr 1969; Col Edward R. Van Sandt, 11 Sep 1969; Lt Col Paul A. Warner, 16 Sep 1969; Col Samuel E. Dyke, c. 31 Mar 1970; Col Donald D. Adams, 27 Apr 1970; Col Robert L. Holladay, Jr., 2 Jun 1971; Col Walter C. Schrupp, 26 May 1972; Col John D. Beeson, 31 May 1973; Col Walter C. Schrupp, 1 Nov 1973; Col David E. Blais, 9 Aug 1974; Col Edward L. Todd, 31 Jan 1977; Col Francis L. Asbury, 2 Apr 1979; Brig Gen

Robert L. Kirtley, 19 Feb 1981; Col Martin J. Ryan, Jr., 20 Apr 1982; Col O. K. Lewis, Jr., 25 Oct 1983; Col Charles G. Kucera, 3 Jun 1985; Col Donald F. Allan, 17 Nov 1986; Col George P. Cole, Jr., 12 Feb 1987; Col John B. Sams, Jr., 3 Aug 1988; Col Julian B. Hall, Jr., 16 Jul 1990; Col Richard Szafranski, 9 Jul 1991–.

Aircraft

B–29, 1947–1948; B–36, 1948–1958; XC–99, 1949; RB–36, 1950; B–52, 1957, 1958–1965, 1965–1969, 1970–1992; KC–135, 1958–1960, 1964–1965, 1965–1969, 1970–1992.

Operations

Trained with B–29s in global bombardment operations, Nov 1947–Dec 1948. Began converting to B–36 bombers in Jun 1948. Controlled two B–36 groups, Dec 1948–Feb 1951, and three B–36 squadrons, Feb 1951–May 1958. Flight-tested XC–99 in Jun 1949 and evaluated RB–36 in 1950. Deployed at Nouasseur AB, French Morocco, 10 Jul–13 Sep 1955. Had an attached B–52 squadron, 1–10 Dec 1957, and converted to B–52 bombers and KC–135 tankers, May–Jun 1958. Trained in global strategic bombardment and air refueling operations. Beginning 13 Apr 1965, the wing deployed its forces to the Pacific area to support SAC combat operations in Southeast Asia. All wing bombers and tankers, along with aircrews and some support personnel, deployed in Apr–May 1965. In the United States, the wing gained the assets of a second B–52 squadron from another wing in Jun 1965, giving it a bomber capability again. All B–52 resources deployed to the Pacific area by 1 Aug 1965, along with most of the wing's remaining support personnel, leaving the 7th Wing as a small non-flying cadre to operate Carswell AFB, TX. Wing headquarters remained non-operational to c. 1 Dec 1965, when B–52/KC–135 resources began returning. The wing continued to support SAC operations in Southeast Asia through the remainder of the conflict and into 1975, but on a reduced scale except for the period c. 1 Sep 1969–c. 28 Mar 1970, when most wing resources were required overseas, and only a small cadre remained at home. In addition to its other activities the wing conducted B–52D consolidated training for SAC, 1 May 1972–c. 15 Dec 1972 and 5 Jan–15 Dec 1973. By mid-1973 most wing KC–135 resources had redeployed, and most B–52 resources returned by Jan 1974. The wing resumed nuclear alert status on 3 Jan 1974. From 4 Dec 1973 to May 1975, the wing conducted B–52D replacement training, and from Jan 1974 also conducted B–52D combat crew training, i.e., providing B–52 flight training to novice crews. Beginning in Jun 1974 the wing also conducted

B-52 and KC-135 Central Flight Instructors' courses. Participated in numerous USAF and NATO exercises worldwide. Used B-52s for ocean surveillance and ship identification in joint naval operations. Wing KC-135 aerial refuelers supported tanker task forces worldwide. In Oct–Nov 1983, the wing supported the invasion of Grenada with aerial refueling. Also in 1983, B-52 crews began training with a new weapon system, the SRAM (Short Range Attack Missile) and later, in 1985, the ALCM (Air Launched Cruise Missile). Flew numerous atmospheric sampling missions, 1986–1987, in response to the Chernobyl (Russia) nuclear reactor accident. Deployed air refueling personnel and equipment to provisional wings in Southwest Asia, Aug 1990–Feb 1992. The wing hosted the first Soviet START (Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty) exhibition inspection team in Sep 1991. Began preparations for base closure at Carswell AFB in Jan 1992. Released of all operational capabilities on 1 Jan 1993.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Grenada, 1983.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat "V" Device: 1 Sep 1969–28 Mar 1970. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 18 Jun–1 Dec 1965; 1 Jul 1976–30 Jun 1977. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 1 Sep 1969–28 Mar 1970.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 7th Operations Group prior to 1 Aug 1948.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. World War I: St Mihiel; Meuse-Argonne; Lorraine. World War II: Burma; East Indies; India-Burma; China Defensive; Central Burma; China Offensive.

Decorations. Distinguished Unit Citations: Netherlands Indies, 14 Jan–1 Mar 1942; Thailand, 19 Mar 1945.

Emblem

Azure, on a bend Or three crosses pateee Sable, all within a diminished bordure of the second. *Motto:* MORS AB ALTO — Death from above. Approved on 15 Jun 1994 (24959 AC); replaced emblem approved on 12 Sep 1952 (K 2649).



8th Fighter Wing

Established as 8th Fighter Wing on 10 Aug 1948. Activated on 18 Aug 1948.
Redesignated: 8th Fighter-Bomber Wing on 20 Jan 1950; 8th Tactical Fighter Wing on 1 Jul 1958; 8th Fighter Wing on 3 Feb 1992.

Assignments

315th Air Division, 18 Aug 1948; Fifth Air Force, 1 Mar 1950; 43d Air Division, 1 Mar 1955; Fifth Air Force, 1 Feb 1957; 41st Air Division, 10 Nov 1958; Fifth Air Force, 1 Jun 1962; Pacific Air Forces, 18 Jun 1964; Tactical Air Command, 8 Jul 1964; 831st Air Division, 10 Jul 1964; Thirteenth Air Force, 8 Dec 1965 (attached to 2d Air Division, 8 Dec 1965–31 Mar 1966; Seventh Air Force, 1 Apr 1966–15 Sep 1974); 314th Air Division, 16 Sep 1974; Seventh Air Force, 8 Sep 1986–.

Components

Wings. 51st Fighter-Interceptor: attached 25 Sep–12 Oct 1950. 452d Bombardment: attached 15–30 Nov 1950.

Groups. 8th Fighter (later, 8th Fighter-Bomber; 8th Operations): 18 Aug 1948–1 Oct 1957 (detached 14 Aug–30 Nov 1950); 3 Feb 1992–. 49th: attached c. 9 Jul–30 Sep 1950.

Squadrons. 4th Fighter-All Weather: attached 26 Jun–13 Jul 1950. 9th: attached c. 27 Jun–c. 9 Jul 1950. 13th Bombardment: attached 1–30 Oct 1970, assigned 31 Oct 1970–24 Dec 1972. 16th Special Operations: 30 Oct 1968–8 Dec 1975 (detached 19 Jul 1974–8 Dec 1975). 25th: 28 May 1968–5 Jul 1974. 35th: attached 1 Feb–30 Sep 1957, assigned 1 Oct 1957–18 Jun 1964 (detached 13 May–18 Jun 1964); assigned 16 Sep 1974–3 Feb 1992. 36th: attached 1 Feb–30 Sep 1957, assigned 1 Oct 1957–18 Jun 1964 (detached 13 May–18 Jun 1964); assigned 16–30 Sep 1974. 58th: attached Jun–11 Sep 1973. 68th Fighter-All Weather (later, 68th Fighter Interceptor; 68th Tactical Fighter): attached 1 Mar–1 Dec 1950, 20 Oct 1954–1 Mar 1955, and 1 Dec 1961–15 Jun 1964; assigned 25 Jul 1964–6 Dec 1965 (detached 24 Aug–6 Dec 1965). 77th Squadron, Royal Australian Air Force: attached 2 Jul–10 Oct 1950 and 25 Jun–22 Aug 1951. 80th: attached 11 Aug–1 Oct 1950 and 1 Feb–30 Sep 1957, assigned 1 Oct 1957–18 Jun 1964 (detached 13 May–18 Jun 1964); assigned 16 Sep 1974–3 Feb 1992. 308th: attached Dec 1972–Jun 1973. 319th Fighter-Interceptor: attached 20 Feb–17 Aug 1954. 334th: attached 11 Apr–8 Jul 1972 and 25 Sep 1972–Mar 1973. 335th: attached 8 Jul–Dec 1972. 336th: attached 12 Apr–25 Sep 1972 and Mar–7 Sep 1973. 339th Fighter Squadron, All Weather: attached 26 Jun–5 Jul 1950. 431st: 25 Jul 1964–6 Dec 1965 (detached 26 Aug–6 Dec 1965). 433d: 25 Jul 1964–23 Jul 1974. 435th: attached 5 Jun–23 Jul 1966, assigned 24 Jul 1966–8 Aug 1974. 497th: 25 Jul 1964–6 Dec 1965; 8 Dec 1965–16 Sep 1974; 1 Oct 1978–1 Jan 1982. 555th: attached c. 25 Feb–24 Mar 1966, assigned 25 Mar 1966–1 Jun 1968.

Stations

Ashiya Afl, Japan, 18 Aug 1948; Itazuke Afl, Japan, 25 Mar 1949; Pyongyang, North Korea, 1 Dec 1950; Seoul AB, South Korea, 9 Dec 1950; Itazuke AB, Japan, 10 Dec 1950; Kimpo AB, South Korea, 25 Jun 1951; Suwon AB, South Korea, 23 Aug 1951; Itazuke AB, Japan, 20 Oct 1954–10 Jul 1964 (deployed at Kunsan AB, South Korea, 14–22 Oct 1955); George AFB, CA, 10 Jul 1964–c. 6 Dec 1965; Ubon Afl, Thailand, 8 Dec 1965–16 Sep 1974; Kunsan AB, South Korea, 16 Sep 1974–.

Commanders

Col Charles T. Olmsted, 18 Aug 1948; Col Daniel A. Cooper, 22 Jan 1949; Col John M. Price, 1 Mar 1949; Col Charles W. Stark, 9 Dec 1950; Col James B. Tipton, 3 Apr 1951; Col Raymond K. Gallagher, 20 Feb 1952; Col James J. Stone, Jr., 24 Jan 1953; Col William E. Elder, 29 May 1953; Col Ernest H. Beverly, 11 Sep 1953; Col John B. Murphy, 11 Jul 1954; Col William W. Momyer, 4 Aug 1954; Col Orville H. Rehmann, 26 Feb 1955; Col Robert P. Montgomery, 8 Jun 1957; Col Raymond K. Gallagher, 8 Jul 1959; Col Chesley G. Peterson, 20 Jul 1959; Col William A. Daniel, 23 May 1960; Col John R. Roche, 16 May 1962; Col William E. Buck, Jr., 29 Jun 1962; Col Jack G. Milne, 12–18 Jun 1964; none (not manned), 19 Jun–24 Jul 1964; Col John L. Gregory, Jr., 25 Jul 1964; Col Joseph G. Wilson, 8 Dec 1965; Col Robin Olds, 30 Sep 1966; Col Robert V. Spencer, 23 Sep 1967; Col Charles C. Pattillo, 5 Jul 1968; Col Donald N. Stanfield, 8 May 1969; Col David J. Schmerbeck, 6 May 1970; Col Lloyd R. Leavitt, Jr., 2 Oct 1970; Col Larry M. Killpack, 4 Oct 1970; Col James A. Young, 20 May 1971; Col Carl S. Miller, 28 Feb 1972; Col Francis A. Humphreys, Jr., 25 Nov 1972; Col Tom M. Arnold, Jr., 25 Jan 1974; Col Harry W. Schurr, 16 Sep 1974; Col Alfred M. Miller, Jr., 22 Nov 1974; Col Charles R. Hamm, 12 Mar 1975; Col Reginald R. Davis, 12 Mar 1976; Col Thomas S. Swalm, 7 Mar 1977; Col Charles M. Summers, 18 Mar 1978; Col Robert C. Beyer, Jr., 17 Mar 1979; Col Robert P. McGroarty, 31 Mar 1980; Col Donald Snyder, 30 Mar 1981; Col James F. Record, 7 Jun 1982; Col Burton R. Moore, 13 May 1983; Col E. Daniel Cherry, 9 May 1984; Col Ronald N. Running, 28 May 1985; Col Sidney J. Wise, 10 Jun 1986; Col Everett H. Pratt, Jr., 15 Jun 1987; Col Joseph E. Hurd, 7 Jun 1988; Col Patrick K. Gamble, 16 Jun 1989; Col John F. Miller, Jr., 8 Jun 1990; Col Edward B. Carter, 22 Jul 1991; Col Steven R. Polk, 6 Jul 1992–.

Aircraft

Primarily F-51, 1948–1950, 1950; F-80, 1949–1950, 1950–1953; F-82, 1950; F-86, 1953–1957; F-100, 1956–1963; F-102, 1961–1964; F-105, 1963–1964; F-4, 1964–1974, 1974–1982; F-104, 1966–1967; AC-130, 1968–1974; AC-123, 1969–1970; B-57, 1970–1972; F-16, 1981–; but also included Meteor-8, 1951; F-94, 1954; and F-84, 1956.

Operations

Air defense in Japan, Aug 1948–Jun 1950. Combat operations in Korea, Jun 1950–Jul 1953. Provided air cover for the evacuation of civilians from Seoul, 26–28 Jun 1950, then conducted interdiction and close ground support missions. The tactical group and its squadrons moved to South Korea on 11 Aug 1950, while the wing remained in Japan and assumed operational control of other combat units. Wing reunited with its tactical group on 1 Dec 1950 and performed a variety of missions, including some strategic bombardment, air cover for bombers, armed reconnaissance, and low-level bombing and strafing for interdiction and ground support. Air defense in South Korea, Jul 1953–Oct 1954. Air defense in Japan, and maintenance of a quick-reaction strike force, Oct 1954–May 1964. Tactical squadrons detached on 13 May 1964, and on 18 Jun 1964, all wing components except wing headquarters were inactivated. The wing moved without personnel or equipment to California, absorbing resources of the 32d TFW. For the next year, the wing trained with F-4 aircraft and participated in numerous exercises, operational readiness inspections, and the like. Moved to Thailand in Dec 1965 and commenced combat operations. Operations included bombardment, ground support, air defense, interdiction, and armed reconnaissance. In the latter stages of the Southeast Asian conflict, the wing's mission shifted from combat air patrol as new types of aircraft became part of its force. In May 1968, the wing was the first to use laser-guided bombs (LGBs) in combat. During its final years of combat, the wing used B-57s for night attacks, AC-130 gunships for ground support and armed reconnaissance, and F-4s for fast-forward air control, interdiction, escort, armed reconnaissance, and other special missions. After North Vietnam invaded the Republic of Vietnam in Mar 1972, the 8th Wing was augmented by additional F-4 units from the United States. To make room for these forces, the B-57 squadron moved to the Philippines. The wing continued combat in Vietnam until mid-Jan 1973, in Laos until 22 Feb 1973, and in Cambodia until 15 Aug 1973. F-4 augmentation forces were released in Sep 1973. In mid-1974 the wing began to lose personnel, aircraft, and units.

The last scheduled F-4 training flight occurred on 16 Jul 1974, and on 16 Sep the wing and most of its components moved without personnel or equipment to Kunsan AB, South Korea, where the wing absorbed resources of the 3d TFW that had moved without personnel or equipment to the Philippines. At Kunsan, the 8th Wing became responsible for air defense of South Korea and other operational commitments. The wing utilized an air base squadron at Kwang Ju, Apr 1975–c. Apr 1991, during numerous tactical exercises and the beddown of other air assets. Following the killing of two US Army officers by North Koreans on 18 Aug 1976, the 8th TFW went on increased alert, augmented by F-4s from Kadena AB, Okinawa, until 8 Sep 1976.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

Korea: UN Defensive; UN Offensive; CCF Intervention; First UN Counteroffensive; CCF Spring Offensive; UN Summer–Fall Offensive; Second Korean Winter; Korea Summer–Fall, 1952; Third Korean Winter; Korea Summer, 1953. Vietnam: Vietnam Defensive; Vietnam Air; Vietnam Air Offensive; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive; Phase III; Vietnam Air/Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; TET 69/ Counter-offensive; Vietnam Summer–Fall, 1969; Vietnam Winter–Spring, 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon; Commando Hunt V; Commando Hunt VI; Commando Hunt VII; Vietnam Ceasefire.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Presidential Unit Citations (Vietnam): 16 Dec 1966–2 Jan 1967; 1 Mar 1967–31 Mar 1968; 1 Jan–1 Apr 1971. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat “V” Device: 16 Dec 1965–15 Dec 1966; 1 Apr–30 Sep 1968; 1 Jan–31 Dec 1970; 1 Oct 1971–31 Mar 1972; 1 Apr–22 Oct 1972; 18 Dec 1972–15 Aug 1973. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 12 May 1963–21 Mar 1964; 1 Apr 1977–31 Mar 1978; 1 Jun 1986–31 May 1988. Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citations: 27 Jun 1950–31 Jan 1951; 1 Feb 1951–31 Mar 1953. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 1 Apr 1966–28 Jan 1973.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 8th Operations Group prior to 18 Aug 1948.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. World War II: East Indies; Air Offensive, Japan; China Defensive; Papua; New Guinea; Bismarck Archipelago; Western Pacific; Leyte; Luzon; Southern Philippines; China Offensive.

Decorations. Distinguished Unit Citations: Papua, [Sep] 1942–23 Jan 1943; Philippine Islands, 26 Dec 1944. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation.

Emblem

Azure, a chevron nebule Or, all within a diminished bordure of the last.

Motto: ATTAQUEZ ET CONQUEREZ — Attack and conquer. Approved for 8th Group on 6 Sep 1934 and for 8th Wing on 3 Jul 1952 (K 6538).



9th Reconnaissance Wing

Established as 9th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing on 25 Apr 1949. Activated on 1 May 1949. Redesignated: 9th Bombardment Wing, Heavy, on 1 Apr 1950; 9th Bombardment Wing, Medium, on 2 Oct 1950; 9th Strategic Aerospace Wing on 1 Apr 1962; 9th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing on 25 Jun 1966; 9th Wing on 1 Sep 1991; 9th Reconnaissance Wing on 1 Oct 1993.

Assignments

311th Air Division, 1 May 1949; Second Air Force, 1 Nov 1949; Fifteenth Air Force, 1 Apr 1950; 14th Air Division, 10 Feb 1951; Fifteenth Air Force, 1 May 1953 (attached to 7th Air Division, 23 May–11 Jul 1955; 3d Air Division, 3–22 Oct 1955 and 1 Oct 1957–c. 10 Jan 1958); 813th Air (later, 813th Strategic Aerospace) Division, 15 Jul 1959; 14th Strategic Aerospace (later, 14th Air) Division, 25 Jun 1966; Second Air Force, 1 Sep 1991; Twelfth Air Force, 1 Jul 1993–.

Components

Wing. 5th Strategic Reconnaissance: attached 12 Nov 1949–10 Feb 1951.

Groups. 5th Strategic Reconnaissance: attached 9 Nov 1949–10 Feb 1951. 9th Strategic Reconnaissance (later, 9th Bombardment; 9th Operations): 1 May 1949–16 Jun 1952; 1 Sep 1991–.

Squadrons. 1st Bombardment (later, 1st Strategic Reconnaissance): attached 10 Feb 1951–15 Jun 1952, assigned 16 Jun 1952–1 Sep 1991. 5th Bombardment (later, 5th Strategic Reconnaissance Training): attached 10 Feb 1951–15 Jun 1952, assigned 16 Jun 1952–25 Jun 1966; assigned 1 Jul 1986–30 Jun 1990. 9th Air Refueling: 16 Jun 1952–15 Dec 1965 (detached 16 Jun 1952–30 Apr 1953). 38th Reconnaissance: attached 26 May–1 Jun 1949. 95th Reconnaissance: 30 Jun 1991–15 Sep 1993. 97th Air Refueling: 15 Jul 1961–1 Jul 1962 (detached). 99th Bombardment (later, 99th Strategic Reconnaissance): attached 10 Feb 1951–15 Jun 1952, assigned 16 Jun 1952–1 Apr 1971; assigned 30 Jun 1976–1 Sep 1991. 349th Air Refueling: 15 Mar 1983–1 Sep 1991. 350th Air Refueling: 15 Mar 1983–1 Sep 1991. 569th Strategic Missile: 1 Jun 1961–25 Jun 1965. 658th Bombardment: 1 Oct 1958–1 Jan 1962. 4029th Strategic Reconnaissance Training: 1 Aug 1981–1 Jul 1986. 4364th Support (later, 4364th Post Attack Command and Control): 20 Jul 1962–25 Mar 1965.

Stations

Fairfield-Suisun (later, Travis) AFB, CA, 1 May 1949; Mountain Home AFB, ID, 1 May 1953; Beale AFB, CA, 25 Jun 1966–.

Commanders

Col Raymond L. Winn, 1 May 1949; Brig Gen Robert F. Travis, 16 Jun 1949; Col Carlos J. Cochrane, 6 Aug 1950; Col Joe W. Kelly, 10 Aug 1950; Col Clifford J. Heflin, 10 Feb 1951; Brig Gen William C. Kingsbury, 5 Jan 1953; Col Robert V. De Shazo, 27 Jul 1957; Col Rufus H. Holloway, 15 Jul 1959;

Col Walter Y. Lucas, 7 Jun 1960; Col William L. Gray, 5 Jul 1962; Col William R. Smith, 2 Apr 1964; Col Walter Y. Lucas, 10 Jun 1965; Maj Adelbert J. Lemke, c. May 1966; Col Douglas T. Nelson, 25 Jun 1966; Col William R. Hayes, 14 Dec 1966; Col Charles F. Minter, Sr., 27 Jun 1969; Col Harold E. Confer, 1 Jul 1970; Col Jerome F. O'Malley, 31 May 1972; Col Patrick J. Halloran, 10 May 1973; Col John H. Storrie, 30 Jun 1975; Col Lyman M. Kidder, 30 Sep 1977; Col Franklin D. Shelton, 1 Feb 1979; Col David G. Young, c. 17 Jul 1980; Col Thomas S. Pugh, 20 Jul 1982; Col George V. Freese, 4 Aug 1983; Col David H. Pinsky, 28 Jan 1985; Col Richard H. Graham, 17 Jul 1987; Col James S. Savarda, 6 Dec 1988; Col Thomas J. Keck, 12 Jun 1990; Col Richard A. Young, 21 Nov 1991–.

Aircraft and Missiles

B/RB–17, 1949–1950; B–29, 1949–1954; RB–29, 1949–1951; RB–36, 1949–1950, 1951; KB–29, 1953; B–47, 1954–1966; KC–97, 1954–1965; Titan, 1962–1965; EB–47, 1962–1965; T–38, 1969–; SR–71, 1966–1990; U–2/U–2R, 1976–(U–2R also carried designation TR–1, 1981–1991); KC–135, 1983–.

Operations

Conducted strategic reconnaissance with assigned components, May 1949–Mar 1950, and with components of 5th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, Nov 1949–Feb 1951. Conducted strategic bombardment training, Feb 1951–Dec 1965. Performed air refueling, May–Jul 1953, Sep 1954–Dec 1965, and Mar 1983–. Conducted SAC airborne communications relay missions, Dec 1962–Mar 1965. Deployed at Fairford RAF Station, England, May–Jul 1955, at Kadena AB, Okinawa, 3–22 Oct 1955, at Eielson AFB, AK, 18–22 Jan 1956, and at Andersen AFB, Guam, Oct 1957–Jan 1958. Controlled a Titan missile complex, Jun 1961–Jun 1965. Phased down operations at Mountain Home AFB, ID, Jan–Jun 1966, then moved to Beale AFB, CA. Equipped with the SR–71 aircraft in 1966; performed strategic reconnaissance in Southeast Asia beginning in 1968; provided photographic intelligence for the Son Tay prison camp raid in North Vietnam, Nov 1970. Conducted humanitarian and scientific missions for Department of Defense and other government agencies when requested. Added U–2 & U–2R aircraft in 1976 and specialized KC–135Q tankers in 1983 to become the only USAF wing so equipped. Participated in USAF operations worldwide, including Grenada, Oct–Nov 1983, and Libya, Apr 1986. Following the 1990 retirement of SR–71 aircraft, U–2 aircraft flew intelligence-gathering missions, Aug 1990–Mar 1991, in Southwest Asia, particularly during the Gulf War buildup and

subsequent combat operations. Continued to provide worldwide reconnaissance as directed.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Grenada, 1983.

Decorations

Presidential Unit Citation: 31 Mar–31 Dec 1968. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat “V” Device: 1 Jul 1972–30 Jun 1973. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jan 1957–31 Jan 1958; 1 Jul 1967–30 Jun 1968; 1 Jul 1970–30 Jun 1971; 1 Jul 1971–30 Jun 1972; 1 Jul 1973–30 Jun 1975; 1 Jul 1975–30 Jun 1977; 1 Jul 1981–30 Jun 1982; 1 Jul 1983–30 Jun 1984; 1 Jul 1985–30 Jun 1986; 1 Jul 1986–30 Jun 1987; 1 Jul 1989–30 Jun 1990.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 9th Operations Group prior to 1 May 1949.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater; Eastern Mandates; Western Pacific; Air Offensive, Japan.

Decorations. Distinguished Unit Citations: Kawasaki, Japan, 15/16 Apr 1945; Japan, 13–28 May 1945.

Emblem

Per pale Vert and Sable, a pallet wavy Argent fimbriated Or, on a fess of the last four crosses patee of the second garnished Brown, all within a diminished bordure Yellow. *Motto:* SEMPER PARATUS — Always ready. Approved for 9th Group on 20 Mar 1924 and for 9th Wing on 1 Jul 1952 (K 2650).



10th Air Base Wing

Established as 10th Reconnaissance Wing on 14 Nov 1947. Organized on 3 Dec 1947. Redesignated 10th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing on 25 Aug 1948. Inactivated on 1 Apr 1949. Activated on 10 Jul 1952. Redesignated: 10th Tactical Fighter Wing on 20 Aug 1987; 10th Air Base Wing on 31 Mar 1993. Inactivated on 1 Nov 1994. Activated on 1 Nov 1994.

Assignments

Ninth Air Force, 3 Dec 1947; Fourteenth Air Force, 1 Feb–1 Apr 1949. Twelfth Air Force, 10 Jul 1952; United States Air Forces in Europe, 1 Jan 1958; Third Air Force, 25 Aug 1959; Seventeenth Air Force, 1 Jul 1961; Third Air Force, 1 Sep 1963–1 Nov 1994. United States Air Force Academy, 1 Nov 1994–.

Components

Group. 10th: 3 Dec 1947–1 Apr 1949; 10 Jul 1952–8 Dec 1957.

Squadrons. 1st Tactical Reconnaissance: 8 Dec 1957–15 Jan 1988. 19th: attached 8 Jan–7 Mar 1958, assigned 8 Mar 1958–1 Jul 1965. 30th: attached 8 Jan–7 Mar 1958, assigned 8 Mar 1958–1 Apr 1976. 32d: 8 Dec 1957–8 Mar 1958 (detached 8 Jan–8 Mar 1958); 15 Aug 1966–1 Jan 1976. 38th: 8 Dec 1957–8 Mar 1958 (detached 8 Jan–8 Mar 1958). 42d: 8 Dec 1957–1 Jul 1965. 45th: attached 13 Jun–6 Jul 1973. 62d: attached 7–24 Mar 1976. 509th: 1 Jun 1988–30 Dec 1992. 511th: 1 Sep 1988–30 Dec 1992 (detached 19 Dec 1990–3 Jun 1991). 527th Tactical Fighter Training Aggressor (later, 527th Aggressor): 1 Apr 1976–14 Jul 1988.

Stations

Pope Field (later, AFB), NC, 3 Dec 1947–1 Apr 1949. Toul-Rosieres AB, France, 10 Jul 1952; Spangdahlem AB, Germany, 9 May 1953; RAF Alconbury, England, 25 Aug 1959–1 Nov 1994. USAF Academy, CO, 1 Nov 1994–.

Commanders

Col Louis M. Merrick, 3 Dec 1947–1 Apr 1949. Col Dixon M. Allison, 10 Jul 1952; Col Brian O'Neill, 1 Oct 1952; Col Franklin S. Allen, Jr., 30 Jun 1955; Col Kenneth R. Powell, 22 Jul 1955; Col James D. Kemp, 3 Jul 1959; Col Victor N. Cabas, 21 Jun 1962, Col Arthur Small, 8 Jul 1963; Col DeWitt S. Spain, 25 Mar 1964; Col James A. Shannon, 22 Jun 1966; Col Theodore S. Coberly, 15 May 1967; Brig Gen Winston P. Anderson, 17 Jul 1968; Col Ralph F. Findlay, 29 Jun 1970; Col Lovic P. Hodnette, Jr., 9 Jul 1971; Col Daniel J. Nelson, 5 Jun 1972; Col LaVerne H. Griffin, 6 Mar 1973; Col Paul H. Hodges, 22 Feb 1974; Col Buford D. Lary, 17 Mar 1977; Col Ellis C. Vander Pyl, Jr., 26 Mar 1979; Col Jerome E. Hughes, 27 Jul 1981; Col James M. Rhodes, Jr., 11 Jun 1982; Col Lawrence W. Foley, 9 Jan 1984; Col William A. Studer, 24 May 1985; Col Otto K. Hadebank, 24 Mar 1986; Brig Gen Michael D. McGinty, 4 Mar 1988; Col James C. Evans, 19 Apr 1990; Col Peter W. Tkacs, 15 May 1992–.

Aircraft

P (later, F)–51/F–6, 1947–1948; RF–51, 1947–1949. RF–80, 1952–1956; RB–26, 1952–1957; RB–57, 1954–1957; RF–84, 1955–1958; T/WT–33, 1955–1957; RB–66, 1956–1965; WB–66, 1957–1960; B–66, 1960–1965; RF–4, 1965–1987; F–5, 1976–1988; A–10, 1988–1992.

Operations

Performed tactical reconnaissance, 1947–1949. Replaced 117th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing at Toul-Rosieres AB, France, in Jul 1952. Provided weather reconnaissance, 1952–c. 1960, and tactical reconnaissance (day and night, multi-sensor), 1952–1988. Replaced 7560th Air Base Group at RAF Alconbury, England, in Aug 1959, and became responsible for operation and maintenance of that installation. Operated from RAF Wethersfield, England, 3 Jul–31 Oct 1972. Took part in frequent tactical exercises of USAFE and NATO. Dropped two (of three) reconnaissance squadrons in 1976 and gained the 527th Tactical Fighter Training Aggressor Squadron. This unit, equipped with F–5Es in May 1976, provided “dissimilar” air combat training for USAFE fighter and reconnaissance wings, 1976–1988. Wing assumed a fighter mission, conducting fighter operations training in support of US and NATO war plans, 1988–1992. Deployed the 511th TFS and other wing personnel to Saudi Arabia in late 1990 in support of operations in Southwest Asia and subsequent humanitarian relief extended to Kurdish settlements in Iraq through May 1991. In 1992, mission changed to support of USAFE special operations units.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 31 Dec 1959–1 Jan 1962; 15 Jul 1968–15 Jul 1969; 1 Jun 1972–1 Jun 1973; 15 Nov 1977–14 Nov 1979; 1 Jun 1989–31 May 1991.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 10th Tactical Reconnaissance Group prior to 3 Dec 1947.

Service Streamers. WWII American Theater.

Campaign Streamers. World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe.

Decorations. Distinguished Unit Citation: France, 6–20 May 1944.

Emblem

Azure, in sinister base, a globe axis bendwise Argent gridlined of the field, in dexter a compass rose of the second garnished Or all below a chief a demi-figure of the mythical Greek god Argus fesswise face to base dexter arm extended of the last; all within a diminished bordure of the like. Approved in 1995; replaced emblem approved on 23 Jul 1954 (K 8007).



11th Wing

Established as 11th Observation Group on 1 Oct 1933. Redesignated 11th Bombardment Group (Medium) on 1 Jan 1938. Activated on 1 Feb 1940. Redesignated: 11th Bombardment Group (Heavy) on 1 Dec 1940; 11th Bombardment Group, Heavy, on 3 Aug 1944; 11th Bombardment Group, Very Heavy, on 30 Apr 1946. Inactivated on 20 Oct 1948. Redesignated 11th Bombardment Group, Heavy, and activated, on 1 Dec 1948. Inactivated on 16 Jun 1952. Redesignated 11th Strategic Group on 25 Oct 1978. Activated on 15 Nov 1978. Consolidated (31 Mar 1982) with the 11th Bombardment Wing, Heavy, which was established on 18 Nov 1948. Activated on 16 Feb 1951. Redesignated: 11th Strategic Aerospace Wing on 1 Apr 1962; 11th Air Refueling Wing on 2 Jul 1968. Inactivated on 25 Mar 1969. Consolidated unit retained designation 11th Strategic Group and inactivated on 7 Aug 1990. Redesignated 11th Support Wing on 2 Jun 1994. Activated on 15 Jul 1994. Redesignated 11th Wing on 1 Mar 1995.

Assignments

11th Group: 18th (later, 18th Bombardment) Wing, 1 Feb 1940; VII Bomber Command, 29 Jan 1942; XIII Bomber Command, c. 5 Jan 1943; VII Bomber Command, 8 Apr 1943; Far East Air Forces, 23 Nov 1945; Twentieth Air Force, 15 May 1946–20 Oct 1948. Eighth Air Force, 1 Dec 1948 (attached to 7th Bombardment Wing, Heavy, 1 Dec 1948–15 Feb 1951); 11th Bombardment Wing, Heavy, 16 Feb 1951–16 Jun 1952. 7th Air Division, 15 Nov 1978 to consolidation.

11th Wing: 19th Air Division, 16 Feb 1951 (attached to 5th Air Division, 4 May–2 Jul 1955); Second Air Force, 13 Dec 1957; 816th Air (later, 816th Strategic Aerospace) Division, 1 Jul 1958; 819th Strategic Aerospace Division, 1 Jul 1965; 19th Air Division, 2 Jul 1966–25 Mar 1969.

Consolidated Unit: 7th Air Division, from consolidation in 1982 to 7 Aug 1990. HQ USAF, 15 Jul 1994–.

Components

11th Group: *Squadrons:* 14th: 1 Feb 1940–2 Dec 1941 (detached c. 16 Sep–2 Dec 1941). 26th: 1 Feb 1940–20 Oct 1948; 1 Dec 1948–16 Jun 1952 (detached 16 Feb 1951–16 Jun 1952). 42d: 1 Feb 1940–20 Oct 1948; 1 Dec 1948–16 Jun 1952 (detached 16 Feb 1951–16 Jun 1952). 50th Reconnaissance (later, 431st Bombardment): attached 1 Feb 1940–24 Feb 1942, assigned 25 Feb 1942–29 Apr 1946. 98th: 16 Dec 1941–20 Oct 1948; 1 Dec 1948–16 Jun 1952 (detached 16 Feb 1951–16 Jun 1952). 373d: 11 Oct 1945–7 Jan 1946.

11th Wing: *Group:* 11th Bombardment: 16 Feb 1951–16 Jun 1952.

Squadrons: 11th Air Refueling: 25 Jun 1965–25 Mar 1969. 26th Bombardment: attached 16 Feb 1951–15 Jun 1952, assigned 16 Jun 1952–2 Jul 1968. 42d: attached 16 Feb 1951–15 Jun 1952, assigned 16 Jun 1952–1 Jun 1960. 96th Air Refueling: 3 Dec 1957–1 Oct 1960; 15 Dec 1960–25 Jun 1965. 98th: attached 16 Feb 1951–15 Jun 1952, assigned 16 Jun 1952–10 Dec 1957. 577th Strategic Missile: 1 Jun 1961–25 Mar 1965. 918th Air Refueling: 1 Oct–15 Dec 1960. 921st Air Refueling: 1 Oct–15 Dec 1960.

Consolidated Unit: *Squadrons:* 34th: 1 Oct 1986–7 Aug 1990. 42d: 1 Jan 1989–7 Aug 1990.

Stations

Hickam Field, TH, 1 Feb 1940; New Hebrides, 22 Jul 1942; Hickam Field, TH, 8 Apr 1943; Funafuti, Ellice Islands, 9 Nov 1943; Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, 14 Jan 1944; Kwajalein, Marshall Islands, 5 Apr 1944; Guam,

Marianas Islands, 25 Oct 1944; Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, Jul 1945; Fort McKinley, Luzon, Philippine Islands, 11 Dec 1945; Northwest AAB (later, Harmon Field), Guam, 15 May 1946–20 Oct 1948. Carswell AFB, TX, 1 Dec 1948; Altus AFB, OK, 13 Dec 1957–25 Mar 1969. RAF Fairford, England, 15 Nov 1978–7 Aug 1990. Bolling AFB, DC, 15 Jul 1994–.

Commanders

11th Group: Lt Col Walter F. Kraus, Feb 1940; Lt Col St Clair Streett, 15 Jun 1940; Lt Col Albert F. Hegenberger, 1 Apr 1941; Col LaVerne G. Saunders, Mar 1942; Col Frank F. Everest, Dec 1942; Col William J. Holzapfel, Jr., 26 Apr 1943; Col Russell L. Waldron, 7 Jul 1944; Col John J. Morrow, 1 Mar–c. 11 Dec 1945; none (not manned), c. 11 Dec 1945–14 May 1946; unkn, 15–19 May 1946; Col Vincent M. Miles, Jr., 20 May 1946; Capt Thomas A. Ragland, Jr., 15 Nov 1946 (additional duty); Capt Thomas B. Hoxie, 27 Dec 1947–20 Oct 1948 (additional duty). Maj Russell F. Ireland, Dec 1948; Lt Col Harry E. Goldsworthy, 11 Jan 1949; Col Richard H. Carmichael, May 1949; Col Bertram C. Harrison, 4 Mar 1950; Col Thomas P. Gerrity, 3 Apr 1950; Col Louis W. Rohr, 16 Feb 1951 (additional duty); Lt Col Charles T. Moreland, Jr., Oct 1951–16 Jun 1952 (additional duty). None (not manned), 15 Nov 1978–23 Feb 1979; Col Clyde F. Dunn, Jr., 24 Feb 1979; Col Charles A. May, Jr., 21 Mar 1980; Col Robert M. Alexander, 10 Jul 1981; Col Michael F. Farren, 18 Mar 1982 to consolidation.

11th Wing: Brig Gen Thomas P. Gerrity, 16 Feb 1951; Col Louis W. Rohr, 15 Nov 1952; Col William T. Seawell, 2 Mar 1953; Col Howard W. Moore, 7 Aug 1954; Col John S. Samuel, 16 Jul 1957; Col Frederick R. Ramputi, 5 Sep 1958; Col Bernard J. Finan, Jr., 15 Jul 1961; Col Kenneth S. Steele, 1 Aug 1961; Brig Gen William B. Kyes, 4 Mar 1963; Col Merrill N. Moore, c. 1 Jan 1965; Col Earl S. Kimbell, c. Jul 1965; Col Harold A. Radetsky, 2 Aug 1965; Col Earl S. Kimbell, 5 Jul 1966; Col Raymond J. Bryan, 8 Jul 1966; Col Raymond R. Deitch, 11 Jul 1966; Col Joseph J. Young, 29 Jun 1967–25 Mar 1969.

Consolidated Unit: Col Michael F. Farren, from consolidation in 1982; Col Lynn T. Berringer, 24 Jul 1984; Col John D. Lunt, 20 Feb 1985; Col James F. McKeon, 27 Jul 1987; Col Robert H. Ogden, Jr., 28 Jul 1987–7 Aug 1990.

Aircraft

B–18, 1940–1942; B–17, 1941–1943; B–24, 1943–1945; B–29, 1946. B–36, 1949–1957; KC–97, 1957–1958; B–52, 1958–1968; KC–135, 1958–1969; Atlas, 1961–1965. KC–135, 1979–1990; KC–10, 1984–1990.

Operations

Flew patrol and search missions off the Hawaiian Islands after the Japanese attack on 7 Dec 1941. Moved to the New Hebrides and bombed airfields, supply dumps, ships, docks, troop positions, and other objectives in the South Pacific, Jul–Nov 1942. Attacked Japanese airfields, installations, and shipping in the Solomons until late Mar 1943. Returned to Hawaii and trained with B–24s. Resumed combat in Nov 1943 and participated in the Allied offensive through the Gilberts, Marshalls, and Marianas, while operating from Funafuti, Tarawa, and Kwajalein. Moved to Guam in Oct 1944 and attacked shipping and airfields in the Volcano and Bonin Islands. Moved to Okinawa in Jul 1945 to participate in the final phases of the air offensive against Japan, bombing railways, airfields, and harbor facilities on Kyushu and striking airfields in China. After the war, flew reconnaissance and surveillance missions to China and ferried liberated prisoners of war from Okinawa to Luzon. Remained in the theater as part of Far East Air Forces but had no personnel assigned after mid-Dec 1945 when the group was transferred to the Philippines. Transferred to Guam in May 1946, remanned, and equipped with B–29s. Terminated training and operations in Oct 1946 and inactivated in Oct 1948. Activated in the US on 1 Dec 1948, received B–36 aircraft and carried out a training program. When the 11th Bombardment Wing activated on 16 Feb 1951, the wing obtained its resources from the group, and the group's components were attached directly to the wing, until the group inactivated on 16 Jun 1952. The 11th Bombardment Wing conducted strategic bombardment training, 1951–1968. Deployed at Nouasseur AB, French Morocco, 4 May–2 Jul 1955. Won the SAC Bombing Competition and the Fairchild Trophy in 1954, 1956 and 1960. Added air refueling to its mission in Dec 1957. Gained a strategic missile squadron in Jun 1961. Phased out Atlas missiles in Jan 1965 and B–52s in mid-1968, completing its final nine months of activation as an aerial refueling wing. Inactivated on 25 Mar 1969. The 11th Strategic Group activated at RAF Fairford, England on 15 Nov 1978, but was not manned until late Feb 1979. Received its first aircraft in Sep 1979 and began aerial refueling support for all USAF operations, deployments and redeployments, as well as participating in NATO exercises. Operations staff and maintenance personnel were permanently assigned. Aircraft, aircrews and crew chiefs were on temporary duty to the 11th Strategic Group for the European Tanker Task Force on a rotational basis. Operated out of Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; Keflavik, Iceland; Zaragoza, Spain; Lajes Field, Azores; Sigonella NAS, Italy; and Hellenikon, Greece. Inactivated on 7 Aug 1990.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Central Pacific; Air Offensive, Japan; Guadalcanal; Northern Solomons; Eastern Mandates; Western Pacific; Ryukyus; China Offensive.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: South Pacific, 31 Jul–30 Nov 1942. Presidential Unit Citation (Navy): South Pacific, 7 Aug–9 Dec 1942. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 6 Aug 1954–15 Jul 1957; 27 Oct 1958–16 Sep 1960; 1 Jul 1979–30 Jun 1981; 1 Jul 1983–30 Jun 1985; 1 Jul 1985–30 Jun 1987; 1 Jul 1987–30 Jun 1989.

Emblem.

Azure, on a bend Or, three grey geese volant proper, all within a diminished bordure of the second, (K&KE 2650). *Motto*: THE CHIEF'S OWN — Approved on 17 Jul 1995.



12th Flying Training Wing

Established as 12th Fighter-Escort Wing on 27 Oct 1950. Activated on 1 Nov 1950. Redesignated: 12th Strategic Fighter Wing on 20 Jan 1953; 12th Fighter-Day Wing on 1 Jul 1957. Inactivated on 8 Jan 1958. Redesignated 12th Tactical Fighter Wing, and activated, on 17 Apr 1962. Organized on 25 Apr 1962. Inactivated on 17 Nov 1971. Redesignated 12th Flying Training Wing on 22 Mar 1972. Activated on 1 May 1972.

Assignments

Second Air Force, 1 Nov 1950; Eighth Air Force, 5 Dec 1950; 42d Air Division, 9 Apr 1951–8 Jan 1958 (attached to 7th Air Division, 20 Jul–30 Nov 1951; 39th Air Division [Defense], 18 May–10 Aug 1953 and 10 May–7 Aug 1954). Tactical Air Command, 17 Apr 1962; Ninth Air Force, 25 Apr 1962; 836th Air Division, 1 Jul 1962; 2d Air Division, 8 Nov 1965; Seventh Air Force, 1 Apr 1966–17 Nov 1971. Air Training Command, 1 May 1972; Nineteenth Air Force, 1 Jul 1993–.

Components.

Group. 12th Fighter-Escort (later, 12th Operations): 1 Nov 1950–16 Jun 1952; 15 Dec 1991–.

Squadrons. 1st Flight Screening: 15 Jul–15 Dec 1991. 27th Air Refueling: attached 1 Apr–1 Sep 1955. 43d: attached 8 Nov 1965–c. 4 Jan 1966. 45th: attached 8 May–1 Jul 1962. 389th: 31 Mar 1970–15 Oct 1971. 391st: attached 26 Jan–22 Jun 1966, assigned 23 Jun 1966–22 Jul 1968. 480th: 31 Mar 1970–17 Nov 1971. 506th Air Refueling: attached 8 Aug 1955–1 Jul 1957. 555th: 8 Jan 1964–25 Mar 1966 (detached 8 Dec 1964–18 Mar 1965, 6 Nov 1965–25 Mar 1966). 557th: 25 Apr 1962–8 Nov 1965; 1 Dec 1965–31 Mar 1970. 558th: 25 Apr 1962–31 Mar 1970 (detached 9 Mar–16 Jun 1965, 3 Feb–22 Jul 1968). 559th: attached 10 Feb 1951–15 Jun 1952, assigned 16 Jun 1952–8 Jan 1958; assigned 25 Apr 1962–8 Nov 1965 (detached 9 Jun–7 Sep 1965); assigned 27 Dec 1965–31 Mar 1970; assigned 1 May 1972–15 Dec 1991. 560th: attached 10 Feb 1951–15 Jun 1952, assigned 16 Jun 1952–8 Jan 1958; assigned 1 May 1972–15 Dec 1991. 561st: attached 10 Feb 1951–1 Apr 1952; assigned 16 Jun 1952–8 Jan 1958 (detached 16 Jun–16 Dec 1952).

Schools. USAF Navigator: 14 May 1993–.

Stations

Turner AFB, GA, 1 Nov 1950; Bergstrom AFB, TX, 5 Dec 1950–8 Jan 1958. MacDill AFB, FL, 25 Apr 1962–31 Oct 1965; Cam Ranh Bay AB, South Vietnam, 8 Nov 1965; Phu Cat AB, South Vietnam, 31 Mar 1970–17 Nov 1971. Randolph AFB, TX, 1 May 1972–.

Commanders

Capt James M. Ross, 1 Nov 1950; Col Cy Wilson, 20 Nov 1950; Col Charles A. Gayle, 1 Apr 1952; Col Richard O. Hunziker, 4 Aug 1952; Col Howard G. Cook, 23 Apr 1954; Col Robert W. Stephens, 20 Jul 1956; Col William D.

Dunham, 10 Aug 1956–8 Jan 1958. None (not manned), 17 Apr–May 1962; Col Harold M. McClelland, 14 May 1962; Col Raymond A. Bradley, 17 Jul 1965; Col Levi R. Chase, 8 Oct 1965; Col Jones E. Bolt, 18 Oct 1966; Col Joel D. Thorvaldson, Mar 1967; Col Woodard E. Davis, Jr., 9 Apr 1967; Col Floyd White, 5 Apr 1968; Col Ramon R. Melton, 7 Apr 1969; Col Harry B. Trimble, 31 Mar 1970; Col Larry M. Killpack, 13 Apr 1970; Col Ralph S. Parr, 4 Oct 1970; Col Richard H. Schoeneman, 19 Feb 1971; Col Albert L. Melton, 4 Oct–17 Nov 1971. Col Hoyt S. Vandenberg, Jr., 1 May 1972; Brig Gen Malcolm E. Ryan, 14 Aug 1972; Col John P. Rollston, 1 Nov 1973; Col Kenneth R. Fleenor, 30 Jun 1975; Brig Gen Edward N. Giddings, 10 Apr 1978; Brig Gen Wilson C. Cooney, 18 Jun 1980; Brig Gen Billy J. Rhoten, 10 Jul 1981; Col Hector M. Cuellar, 10 Feb 1983; Col Ralph R. Rohatsch, Jr., 5 Feb 1985; Col Nicholas B. Kehoe III, 18 Mar 1987; Col Ronnie K. Morrow, 4 Aug 1988; Col Lloyd W. Newton, 25 May 1990; Brig Gen Donald L. Peterson, 31 Jul 1991; Col Robert E. Gatliff, 28 Jan 1993–.

Aircraft

F–84, 1950–1957; KB–29, 1955–1957. F–84, 1962–1964; F–4, 1964–1970, 1970–1971. TH–1, 1972–1977; T–29, 1972–1974; T–37, 1972–; T–38, 1972–; T–39, 1972–1977; T–41, 1972–1973, 1991–; NT–39, 1990–; T–43, 1992–; C–21, 1993–.

Operations

Provided fighter escort, air defense for SAC bomber forces, 1950–1957. Deployed at Manston RAF Station, England, 20 Jul–30 Nov 1951, and at Misawa AB, Japan, 15 May–10 Aug 1953 and 10 May–11 Aug 1954. Provided air refueling support, 1955–1957. From mid-1957 until inactivation in 1958, and from Apr 1962 until deployed to Southeast Asia, maintained preparedness for worldwide tactical operations. Engaged in aerial combat in Southeast Asia, 19 Nov 1965–21 Oct 1971. Provided close air support, interdiction, rescue combat patrol, MiG patrol, and other activities. Destroyed fifteen Migs in air-to-air combat. Supported the South Vietnamese attack on enemy sanctuaries in Cambodia and Laos in 1971. Replaced, and absorbed resources of, the 3510th Flying Training Wing at Randolph AFB, TX, in May 1972. Became responsible for operation and maintenance of Randolph AFB, pilot instructor training, and operation of the USAF Instrument Flight Center, itself including the USAF Instrument Pilot Instructor School plus Flight Standards and Research and Development Divisions. The Center was responsible not only for instructor pilot training but also for development, testing, and evaluation of flight instruments and

flight instrument systems. From 2 May 1973 to 12 Nov 1976, the wing also provided T-37, T-38, and T-39 pilot requalification training for more than 150 USAF ex-prisoners of war. Thereafter, continued to qualify instructor pilots for Air Training Command's undergraduate pilot training program wings and for foreign countries under the Joint Security Assistance Program. Beginning in 1985, supported the Accelerated Copilot Enrichment program at various operating locations, including Carswell AFB, TX; Offutt AFB, NE; Dyess AFB, TX; Altus AFB, OK; Seymour Johnson AFB, NC; Whiteman AFB, MO; McConnell AFB, KS; and Malmstrom AFB, MT. Designed and fabricated F-16 aircraft simulation training systems for USAF bases and several NATO nations during 1983-1988; after 1986, undertook similar efforts for the B-1 bomber program. Provided small numbers of support personnel to units deployed during operations in Southwest Asia, 1990-1991. Received T-41 aircraft to conduct screening of undergraduate pilot training program candidates in Jul 1991. Beginning in the fall of 1992, assumed responsibility for undergraduate navigator training and specialized undergraduate pilot training programs.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

Vietnam: Vietnam Defensive; Vietnam Air; Vietnam Air Offensive; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air/Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; TET 69/Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer-Fall, 1969; Vietnam Winter-Spring, 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon; Commando Hunt V; Commando Hunt VI; Commando Hunt VII.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Presidential Unit Citation: Southeast Asia, 8 Feb-8 Apr 1971. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat "V" Device: 15 Oct 1965-30 May 1966; 1 Jun 1966-31 May 1967; 1 Jun 1967-31 May 1968; 1 Jun 1968-31 May 1969; 1 Jun 1969-31 Mar 1970; 1 Apr 1970-21 Oct 1971. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 May 1972-28 Feb 1973; 1 Jan-31 Dec 1975; 1 Jan 1987-31 Dec 1988; 1 Jan 1990-31 Dec 1991. Republic of Vietnam

Gallantry Crosses with Palm: 15 Oct 1965-10 Nov 1971; 1 Apr 1966-17 Nov 1971.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 12th Operations Group prior to 1 Nov 1950.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. World War II: Egypt-Libya; Tunisia; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Rome-Arno; Air Combat, EAME Theater; India-Burma; China Defensive; Central Burma.

Decorations. Distinguished Unit Citation: North Africa and Sicily, Oct 1942-17 Aug 1943.

Emblem

Azure, a sword point to base Or, hilt flammant proper, a bordure gyronny of twelve of the second and first; fimbriated of the second. Motto: SPIRITUS OMNIA VINCET — The spirit conquers all. Approved for the 12th Group on 3 Feb 1942 and, slightly modified, for the 12th Wing on 15 Mar 1963 (K 3888).



14th Flying Training Wing

Established as 14th Fighter Wing on 29 Jul 1947. Organized on 15 Aug 1947. Inactivated on 2 Oct 1949. Redesignated 14th Air Commando Wing, and activated, on 28 Feb 1966. Organized on 8 Mar 1966. Redesignated 14th Special Operations Wing on 1 Aug 1968. Inactivated on 30 Sep 1971. Redesignated 14th Flying Training Wing on 22 Mar 1972. Activated on 1 Jun 1972.

Assignments

First Air Force, 15 Aug 1947–2 Oct 1949. Pacific Air Forces, 28 Feb 1966; 2d Air Division, 8 Mar 1966; Seventh Air Force, 1 Apr 1966–30 Sep 1971. Air Training Command, 1 Jun 1972; Nineteenth Air Force, 1 Jul 1993–.

Components

Group. 14th Fighter (later, 14th Operations): 15 Aug 1947–2 Oct 1949; 15 Dec 1991–.

Squadrons. 1st: 8 Mar 1966–20 Dec 1967. 3d: 1 May 1968–15 Sep 1969. 4th: 8 Mar 1966–15 Dec 1969. 5th: 8 Mar 1966–15 Oct 1969. 6th: 29 Feb–15 Jul 1968. 9th: 25 Jan 1967–30 Sep 1971. 14th: 25 Oct 1967–1 May 1968. 15th: 15 Mar 1968–31 Oct 1970. 17th: 1 Jun 1969–30 Sep 1971. 18th: 1 Oct 1969–25 Aug 1971. 20th: 8 Mar 1966–1 Sep 1971. 37th: 1 Jun 1972–15 Dec 1991. 43d: 25 Jun 1990–15 Dec 1991. 49th: 25 Jun 1990–15 Dec 1991. 50th: 1 Jun 1972–15 Dec 1991. 71st: 20 Dec 1968–10 Jun 1969. 90th: 31 Oct 1970–1 Sep 1971. 602d: 8 Mar 1966–8 Apr 1967. 604th: 15 Nov 1967–1 Mar 1970 (detached).

Stations

Dow Field (later, AFB), ME, 15 Aug 1947–2 Oct 1949. Nha Trang AB, South Vietnam, 8 Mar 1966; Phan Rang AB, South Vietnam, 15 Oct 1969–30 Sep 1971. Columbus AFB, MS, 1 Jun 1972–.

Commanders

Col Loring F. Stetson, Jr., 1947; Col George A. McHenry, c. 7 Jan 1948; Col Arvid E. Olson, Jr., c. 30 Sep–2 Oct 1949. None (not manned), 28 Feb–7 Mar 1966; Col Robert J. Jones, 8 Mar 1966; Col Gordon F. Bradburn, 17 Apr 1966; Col Forrest L. Rauscher, 10 Apr 1967; Col John M. Patton, 21 Nov 1967; Col Conrad S. Allman, 3 Jun 1968; Col William K. Bush, 5 Mar 1969; Col Clyde S. Cherry, 2 Sep 1969; Col William H. Fairbrother, 3 Apr 1970; Col Alfred F. Eaton, 13 Sep 1970; Col Mark W. Magnan, 14 Mar 1971; Col Malcolm L. Nurnburg, 13–30 Sep 1971; Col William A. Boutwell, 1 Jun 1972; Col Robert B. Tanguy, 9 Jun 1972; Col James S. Creedon, c. 18 Jul 1973; Col Horace W. Miller, 8 Mar 1976; Col Winfield S. Harpe, 10 Jul 1978; Col Richard A. Pierson, 4 Jun 1980; Col Alexander Zakrzewski, Jr., 4 Jun 1981; Col Chester W. Griffin, Jr., 5 Nov 1982; Col James P. Ulm, 9 Aug 1984; Col Charles R. Edwards, 8 Jan 1987; Col James L. Higham, 6 Jan 1989; Col Nick P. Ardillo, Jr., 12 Sep 1991–.

Aircraft

P (later, F)–47, 1947–1949; P (later, F)–84, 1947–1949. A–1, 1966–1967, 1968; AC–47, 1966–1969; C–47, 1966–1971; HC–47, 1966–1969; U–10, 1966–1969; CH–3, 1966–1969; O–2, 1967–1971; UH–1, 1967–1971; C–130, 1968–1971; C–123, 1968–1971; AC–130, 1968; AC–119, 1968–1971. T–41, 1972–1973; T–37, 1972–; T–38, 1972–.

Operations

Provided air defense for the northeastern United States, 1947–1949. Performed combat operations in Southeast Asia, Mar 1966–Sep 1971, operating from numerous locations in South Vietnam and Thailand. Operations included close and direct air support, interdiction, combat airlift, aerial resupply, visual and photographic reconnaissance, unconventional warfare, counterinsurgency operations, psychological warfare (including leaflet dropping and aerial broadcasting), forward air control operations and FAC escort, search and rescue, escort for convoy and defoliation operations, flare drops, civic actions, and humanitarian actions. The wing also operated Nha Trang AB, South Vietnam, Mar 1966–Oct 1969, and provided maintenance support for a number of tenants. Trained South Vietnamese Air Force (VNAF) personnel in AC–119 operations and maintenance, Feb–Aug 1971, and transferred some of its AC–119s to the VNAF, Aug–Sep 1971 as part of a phase-down for inactivation. Replaced, and absorbed resources of, the 3650th Pilot Training Wing in Jun 1972 at Columbus AFB, MS, and assumed an undergraduate pilot training program, plus base operations and maintenance. Prepared to receive AT–38 aircraft in Jul 1993, to train pilots in fighter fundamentals.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

Vietnam: Vietnam Air; Vietnam Air Offensive; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air/Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; TET69/Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer–Fall, 1969; Vietnam Winter–Spring, 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon; Commando Hunt V; Commando Hunt VI.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Presidential Unit Citations: Southeast Asia, 8 Mar 1966–7 Mar 1967; Southeast Asia, 21 Jun 1968–30 Jun 1969. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat “V” Device: 16 Jun 1967–20 Jun 1968; 1 Jul 1970–30 Jun 1971. Meritorious Unit Commendation: 1 Jan–31 Dec 1968. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award: 1 Jan–31 Dec 1974; 1 Apr 1985–31 Mar 1987. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Crosses with Palm: 1 Apr 1966–30 Sep 1971; 1 Jan–30 Aug 1968.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 14th Operations Group prior to 15 Aug 1947.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Tunisia; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Anzio; Rome-Arno; Normandy; Northern France; Southern France; North Apennines; Rhineland; Central Europe; Po Valley; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Decoration. Distinguished Unit Citation: Austria, 2 Apr 1944.

Emblem

Azure, in bend two flight symbols ascending, one Argent surmounting one Gules, encircled by five mullets Or, one in sinister chief and four in dexter base all within a diminished bordure Yellow. *Motto:* DAY AND NIGHT — PEACE AND WAR. Approved on 19 Jun 1967 (KE 26106) and modified on 16 Sep 1994.



15th Air Base Wing

Established as 15th Pursuit Group (Fighter) on 22 Nov 1940. Activated on 1 Dec 1940. Redesignated: 15th Pursuit Group (Interceptor) on 12 Feb 1942; 15th Fighter Group on 15 May 1942. Inactivated on 15 Oct 1946. Redesignated 15th Fighter Group (Air Defense) on 20 Jun 1955. Activated on 18 Aug 1955. Discontinued on 1 Jul 1960. Consolidated (31 Jan 1984) with the 15th Tactical Fighter Wing, which was established, and activated, on 17 Apr 1962. Organized on 1 Jul 1962. Inactivated on 1 Oct 1970. Redesignated 15th Air Base Wing on 20 Oct 1971. Activated on 1 Nov 1971.

Assignments

14th Pursuit Wing, 1 Dec 1940; 7th Interceptor (later, VII Fighter) Command, 23 Jan 1942; United States Army Strategic Air Forces, 16 Jul 1945; VII Fighter Command, 5 Aug 1945; Pacific Air Command, US Army, 25 Nov 1945 (attached to 7th Fighter Wing, 25 Nov–31 Dec 1945); 7th Fighter Wing, 1 Jan 1946; Seventh Air Force, 1 Mar–15 Oct 1946. 4707th Air Defense Wing, 18 Aug 1955; 4708th Air Defense Wing, 1 Mar 1956; 30th Air Division, 8 Jul 1956; Syracuse Air Defense Sector, 1 Sep 1958–1 Jul 1960; Department of the Air Force, 1 Jul 1960–16 Apr 1962; Tactical Air Command, 17 Apr 1962; 836th Air Division, 1 Jul 1962–1 Oct 1970. Pacific Air Forces, 1 Nov 1971–.

Components

Group. 15th Operations: 13 Apr 1992–.

Squadrons. 6th Night Fighter: attached 6–25 Mar 1943, assigned 26 Mar 1943–5 Jun 1944; attached 1–30 Sep 1944. 9th Airborne Command and Control: 1 Nov 1971–31 Mar 1992. 12th: 23 Aug–1 Dec 1942. 13th Bombardment Squadron, Tactical: 8 Feb 1969–1 Oct 1970 (detached 15 Sep–1 Oct 1970). 18th Fighter Control: attached 6–17 Mar 1943, assigned 26 Mar 1943–22 Jul 1944. 22nd Tactical Air Support: 1 Nov 1971–4 Apr 1980. 25th Air Liaison: 1 Oct 1990–24 May 1991 (detached). 43d: 8 Jan 1964–15 Jul 1970 (detached 17 Aug 1965–c. 4 Jan 1966). 45th: 1 Dec 1940–15 Oct 1946; 1 Jul 1962–1 Oct 1970 (detached 4 Apr–10 Aug 1965). 46th: 1 Dec 1940–24 Apr 1944; 1 Jul 1962–1 Oct 1970 (detached 11 May–22 Aug 1965 and 1–10 Nov 1965). 47th: 1 Dec 1940–15 Oct 1946; 18 Aug 1955–1 Jul 1960; 1 Jul 1962–1 Oct 1970 (detached 22 Jul–27 Nov 1965). 65th Airlift: 10 Mar–13 Apr 1992. 78th: attached 6–17 Mar 1943; assigned 26 Mar 1943–15 Oct 1946 (detached 26 Mar–10 Apr 1943). 318th Fighter Control: attached 6–17 Mar 1943. 421st: 25 Apr–1 Jul 1967. 4424th Combat Crew Training: 15 Oct 1968–1 Oct 1970.

Flight. 34th Crash-Rescue Boat: 18 Aug 1955–8 Jun 1956.

Stations

Wheeler Field, Territory of Hawaii, 1 Dec 1940; Bellows Field, Territory of Hawaii, 3 Jun 1944–5 Feb 1945; South Field, Iwo Jima, 6 Mar 1945; Bellows Field, Territory of Hawaii, 25 Nov 1945; Wheeler Field, Territory of Hawaii, 9 Feb–15 Oct 1946. Niagara Falls Municipal Airport, NY, 18 Aug 1955–1 Jul 1960. MacDill AFB, FL, 1 Jul 1962–1 Oct 1970. Hickam AFB, HI, 1 Nov 1971–.

Commanders

Maj Clyde K. Rich, 1 Dec 1940; Maj Lorry N. Tindal, 6 Dec 1940; Maj Clarence F. Hegy, 17 Mar 1941; Maj Lorry N. Tindal, 25 Apr 1941; Lt Col Paul W. Blanchard, 20 Sep 1941; Lt Col William S. Steele, 12 Feb 1942; Lt Col Sherwood E. Buckland, 5 Mar 1943; Lt Col Kenneth R. Powell, 17 Jun 1943 (temporary); Lt Col Sherwood E. Buckland, 7 Jul 1943; Lt Col William A. Bowen, 23 Aug 1943 (temporary); Lt Col Sherwood E. Buckland, 15 Sep 1943; Col James O. Beckwith, Jr., 27 Sep 1943; Lt Col Dewitt S. Spain, 16 Apr 1945; Lt Col Julian E. Thomas, 17 May 1945; Lt Col Elmer E. Booth, 19 Jul 1945 (temporary); Col John W. Mitchell, 21 Jul 1945; Col William Eades, (by Nov) 1945; Col Oswald W. Lunde, 25 Nov 1945–15 Oct 1946. Col Stanley E. Matthews, 1955; Col Wayne B. Curren, c. 1956; Col Thomas L. Wiper, c. 1957; Col Vic L. Byers, Jr., 23 Mar 1959–1 Jul 1960. None (not manned), 17 Apr–30 Jun 1962; Col George L. Jones, 1 Jul 1962; Col Francis J. Vetort, 8 Jun 1964; Col Levi R. Chase, 6 Jul 1964; Col Raymond A. Bradley, 4 Oct 1965; Col Woodrow W. Ramsey, 6 Oct 1965; Col Donald N. Stanfield, 12 Jun 1966; Col Charles J. Bowers, 29 Jul 1966; Col James D. Catington, 15 Aug 1966; Col Roy D. Carlson, 21 Jun 1967; Col Clifford H. Meier, 20 May 1968; Col Travis R. McNeil, 1 Feb–1 Oct 1970. Col Ernest W. Pate, 1 Nov 1971; Col Howard R. Inks, 3 Jun 1972; Col Wilmot E. Y. Paxton, 23 Aug 1972; Col Richard L. Thompson, 1 May 1976; Col Howard F. O'Neal, 17 May 1976; Col Sharman R. Stevenson, 7 Jul 1978; Col John A. Parrish, Jr., 15 Aug 1980; Col Charles F. Luigs, 21 Jul 1983; Col Keith B. Connolly, 18 Apr 1984; Col Wayne E. Clark, 19 Apr 1985; Col Timothy D. Gill, 22 May 1987; Col William J. Kennedy, 9 Nov 1987; Col Don A. Lyon, 20 Sep 1988; Col William C. Van Meter, 23 Jul 1991–.

Aircraft

A–12, 1940–1942; OA–9, 1940–1942; P–26, 1940–1942; P–36, 1940–1942; B–12, 1941–1942; P–39, 1941–1944; P–40, 1941–1944; P–47, 1943–1945, 1945–1946, 1946; P–70, 1943–1944; A–24, 1944; P–51, 1944–1946; P–61, 1944; A–26, 1946. F–86, 1955–1958; F–102, 1958–1960. F–84, 1962–1964; T–33, 1962–1970; F–4, 1964–1970; B–57, 1968–1970. EC–135, 1971–1992; O–2, 1972–1980; T–33, 1972–1987; C–135, 1992–.

Operations

Served as part of the defense force for Hawaiian Islands, using A–12, OA–9, B–12, P–36, P–39, and P–40 aircraft. Suffered numerous casualties and lost aircraft during Japanese attack on Hawaii, 7 Dec 1941, but was remanned

and reorganized, and remained part of the Hawaiian defense system until 1944. Sent squadrons to the Central and South Pacific at various times for operations against the Japanese. Reequipped with P-51 aircraft in 1944 and trained for very-long range escort missions. Moved to Iwo Jima in Feb 1945, and in Mar, supported the invasion force, and began bombing Bonin Islands. In Apr and May 1945 escorted B-29 raids into Japan and struck airfields to curtail enemy attacks on invasion force at Okinawa. Continued fighter sweeps and long-range escort missions to Japan until end of war. In Nov 1945, transferred back to Hawaii without personnel and equipment. Remanned and reequipped but inactivated less than a year later, on 15 Oct 1946. Activated on 18 Aug 1955 at Niagara Falls Municipal Airport, NY, and equipped with F-86 and later, F-102 aircraft. Performed air defense operations for the Syracuse Air Defense Sector until Jul 1960, when it was discontinued. The 15th Tactical Fighter Wing activated on 17 Apr 1962 at MacDill AFB, FL. Conducted tactical fighter combat crew training, 1962–1963. Reorganized as a mission-capable unit at the time of the Cuban missile crisis of 1962, returning afterwards to a training mission. Deployed the 43d, 45th, 46th, and 47th Squadrons to Southeast Asia in 1965. Functioned as a replacement training unit for F-4 aircrews, 1965–1970. Also began B-57 light-bomber aircrew training in 1968. Deployed 16 F-4s at Seymour Johnson AFB, NC, during the *Pueblo* crisis in 1968. Inactivated in 1970. Activated as an Air Base Wing on 1 Nov 1971 at Hickam AFB, HI, with control over Hickam, Wheeler, Dillingham, and Johnston Island AF Bases, Bellows AFS, and several smaller subsidiary bases. Commanded, maintained, operated, and provided security for all AF installations in the Hawaiian Islands, Wake Island, and other island groups in Central and South Pacific Ocean. Provided special air transport for CINCPAC, CINCPACAF, Commander-in-Chief, USARPAC, and for the Commander, Hawaiian Air National Guard. Wing's EC-135Es provided airborne command and control support for the Commander-in-Chief Pacific, Nov 1971–Mar 1992. Moved and sheltered over 93,000 orphans, refugees, and evacuees from Southeast Asia during Operations Babylift and New Life, 6 Apr–30 Sep 1975. From May 1977 to Apr 1980, participated in Project Lagoon, a joint service operation to remove radioactive waste from Enewetak Atoll. From 1983 supported the space shuttle program by maintaining Hickam as a designated emergency landing site. Deployed support personnel and equipment to Southwest Asia to assist in the liberation of Kuwait, Aug 1990–Mar 1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Central Pacific; Air Offensive, Japan.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: Japan, 7 Apr 1945. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jan 1965–1 Jun 1966; 1 Jan–31 Dec 1969; 4 Apr–3 Sep 1975; 25 Feb–25 Mar 1986; 1 Jul 1989–30 Jun 1991.

Emblem

Or, on a bend Azure two terrestrial lightning flashes issuant from base of the first; overall a gunsight counterchanged, all within a diminished bordure of the first. Approved for 15th Group on 5 Oct 1942 and for 15th Wing on 15 Mar 1963 (K&KE 13821).



16th Special Operations Wing

Authorized on the inactive list as 16th Pursuit Group on 24 Mar 1923. Activated on 1 Dec 1932. Redesignated: 16th Pursuit Group (Interceptor) on 6 Dec 1939; 16th Fighter Group on 15 May 1942. Disestablished on 1 Nov 1943. Reestablished and consolidated (1 Oct 1993) with the 1st Special Operations Wing, which was established as 1st Air Commando Group on 9 Aug 1944, replacing the 1st Air Commando Group (a miscellaneous unit) that was constituted on 25 Mar 1944, activated on 29 Mar 1944, and consolidated on 9 Aug 1944 with the headquarters unit of the new establishment. Inactivated on 3 Nov 1945. Disestablished on 8 Oct 1948. Reestablished on 18 Apr 1962. Activated, and organized, on 27 Apr 1962. Redesignated: 1st Air Commando Wing on 1 Jun 1963; 1st Special Operations Wing on 8 Jul 1968; 834th Tactical Composite Wing on 1 Jul 1974; 1st Special Operations Wing on 1 Jul 1975; 16th Special Operations Wing on 1 Oct 1993.

Assignments

3rd Attack Wing, 1 Dec 1932; 19th Composite (later, 19th) Wing, 15 Jun 1933; 12th Pursuit Wing, 20 Nov 1940; XXVI Interceptor (later, XXVI Fighter) Command, 6 Mar 1942–1 Nov 1943. Army Air Forces India-Burma Sector, 29 Mar 1944 (original unit assigned to 9 Aug 1944, establishment assigned thereafter); Tenth Air Force, 10 Jul 1945; Army Service Forces, 6 Oct–3 Nov 1945. USAF Special Air Warfare Center (later, USAF Special Operations Force), 27 Apr 1962; Tactical Air Command, 1 Jul 1974; Ninth Air Force, 1 Jul 1976; Tactical Air Command, 26 Sep 1980; Ninth Air Force, 1 Aug 1981; 2d Air Division, 1 Mar 1983; Twenty-third Air Force (later, Air Force Special Operations Command), 1 Feb 1987–.

Components

Groups. 1st Special Operations (later, 16th Operations): 22 Sep 1992–. 549th Tactical Air Support Training: 15 Dec 1975–1 Jan 1977. 930th Tactical Airlift (later, 930th Air Commando; 930th Special Operations): 1 Jun 1968–18 Jun 1969.

Squadrons. 5th Fighter, Commando (later, 605th Air Commando): 1 Sep 1944–3 Nov 1945; 15 Nov 1963–1 Jul 1964 (detached 15 Nov 1963–1 Jul 1964). 6th Fighter, Commando (later, 6th Air Commando; 6th Special Operations Training): 30 Sep 1944–3 Nov 1945; 27 Apr 1962–29 Feb 1968; 31 Jul 1973–1 Jan 1974. 8th: 1 Mar 1974–22 Sep 1992. 9th: 18 Apr 1989–22 Sep 1992. 16th: 12 Dec 1975–22 Sep 1992. 18th: 25 Jan–15 Jul 1969. 20th: 1 Jan 1976–22 Sep 1992. 24th: 1 Dec 1932–1 Nov 1943. 29th: 1 Oct 1933–1 Nov 1943. 43rd: 1 Feb 1940–1 Nov 1943. 44th Observation (later, 44th Reconnaissance): attached c. Dec 1932–31 Aug 1937, assigned 1 Sep 1937–31 Jan 1940, attached 1 Feb–20 Nov 1940. 55th: 18 Apr 1989–22 Sep 1992. 71st Tactical Airlift (later, 71st Air Commando; 71st Special Operations): 1 Jun–16 Dec 1968. 74th Pursuit (later, 74th Attack; 74th Bombardment): 1 Oct 1933–1 Feb 1940. 78th: 1 Dec 1932–1 Sep 1937. 164th Liaison: 1 Sep 1944–3 Nov 1945. 165th Liaison: 1 Sep 1944–3 Nov 1945. 166th Liaison: 1 Sep 1944–3 Nov 1945. 310th Attack: 15 May–15 Jul 1969. 311th Attack: 15 May–15 Jul 1969. 317th Air Commando (later, 317th Special Operations): 1 Jul 1964–15 Jul 1969; 15 Apr 1970–30 Apr 1974. 318th: 15 Nov 1971–1 Jun 1974. 319th Troop Carrier, Commando (later, 319th Air Commando; 319th Special Operations): 1 Sep 1944–2 Sep 1945; 27 Apr 1962–15 Jul 1969; 30 Jul 1969–15 Jan 1972. 360th Tactical Electronic Warfare: 1–31 Jul 1973. 415th Special Operations Training: 19 Jul 1971–30 Jun 1975. 424th Special Operations (later, 424th Tactical Air

Support) Training: 1 Jul 1970–1 Jan 1972. 547th Special Operations (later, 547th Tactical Air Support) Training: 15 Oct 1969–30 Apr 1975. 549th Tactical Air Support Training: 15 Oct 1969–15 Dec 1975. 602d Fighter, Commando: 1 May 1963–1 Oct 1964. 603d Fighter, Commando (later, 603d Air Commando; 603d Special Operations; 603d Special Operations Training): 1 Jul 1963–15 May 1971; 1 Jul 1973–1 Jul 1974. 604th Fighter, Commando: 1 Jul 1963–8 Nov 1964. 775th Troop Carrier: 15 Apr–1 Jul 1964. 4406th Combat Crew Training: 1 Oct 1968–15 Jul 1969. 4407th Combat Crew Training: 15 Jul 1969–30 Apr 1973. 4408th Combat Crew Training: 15 Jul–22 Sep 1969. 4409th Combat Crew Training: 15 Jul–15 Oct 1969. 4410th Combat Crew Training: 27 Apr 1962–1 Dec 1965; 15 Jul–15 Oct 1969. 4412th Combat Crew Training: 25 Oct 1967–15 Jul 1969. 4413th Combat Crew Training: 1 Mar 1968–15 Jul 1969. 4473d Combat Crew Training: 8 Aug 1969–1 Jul 1970. 4532d Combat Crew Training: 25 Oct 1967–15 Jul 1969.

Flight. 7th Special Operations: 1 Jul 1969–31 May 1972.

Stations

Albrook Field, CZ, 1 Dec 1932–1 Nov 1943. Hailakandi, India, 29 Mar 1944 (original unit); Asansol, India, 20 May 1944–6 Oct 1945 (original unit to 9 Aug 1944, establishment thereafter); Camp Kilmer, NJ, 1–3 Nov 1945. Eglin Air Force Auxiliary Field No. 9 (Hurlburt Field), FL, 27 Apr 1962; England AFB, LA, 15 Jan 1966; Eglin Air Force Auxiliary Field No. 9 (Hurlburt Field), FL, 15 Jul 1969–.

Commanders

Unkn, 1932–1933; Maj Robert L. Walsh, c. 2 Sep 1933–c. 14 Aug 1935; Lt Col Willis H. Hale, Sep 1938–8 Aug 1939; Maj Arthur L. Bump, c. 1939–c. Feb 1941; Capt Roger J. Browne, 24 Feb 1941; Lt Col Otto P. Weyland, 20 May 1941; Maj John A. H. Miller, 1 Mar 1942; Lt Col Philip B. Klein, 10 Apr 1942; Lt Col Hiette S. William, Jr. Sep 1942; Maj James K. Johnson, 1943; Maj Edwin Bishop, Jr. 25 Sep 1943–unkn. Col Philip G. Cochran, 29 Mar 1944 (original unit); Col Clinton B. Gaty, 20 May 1944 (original unit to 9 Aug 1944; establishment thereafter); Col Robert W. Hall, c. 7 Apr 1945–unkn. Lt Col Miles M. Doyle, 27 Apr 1962; Col Chester A. Jack, 29 Apr 1962; Col Gerald R. Dix, 19 Mar 1963; Col Harry C. Aderholt, 28 Mar 1964; Col Gordon F. Bradburn, 10 Jul 1964; Col Hugh G. Fly, Jr., 1 Dec 1965; Col Alpheus W. Blizzard, Jr., 3 Apr 1967; Col Albert S. Pouloit, 9 Sep 1967; Col Leonard Volet, 14 Feb 1969; Col Robert W. Gates, 15 Jul 1969; Col Michael

C. Horgan, 31 Oct 1970; Col James H. Montrose, 1 Apr 1973; Brig Gen William J. Holton, 11 Jan 1974; Col Edward Levell, Jr., 1 Jul 1976; Col Richard H. Dunwoody, 29 Jul 1977; Col Theodore W. Stuart, 13 Mar 1980; Col Hugh L. Cox III, 26 Feb 1982; Col Hugh L. Hunter, 1 Mar 1983; Col Leonard A. Butler, 12 Jul 1985; Col Hanson L. Scott, 28 Aug 1986; Col Dale E. Stovall, 13 Jul 1987; Col George A. Gray III, 21 Jun 1989; Col Gary C. Vycital, c. 29 Aug 1990 (temporary); Col George A. Gray III, c. 24 Nov 1990; Col Gary C. Vycital, c. 24 Dec 1990 (temporary); Col George A. Gray III, 13 Mar 1991; Col Charles R. Holland, 20 Jun 1991–.

Aircraft

P-12, 1932–1943; OA-3 1933–1937; B-6, 1933–1937; OA-9, 1937–1940; Y-10, 1937–1940; A-17, 1937–1940; P-26, 1938–1941; P-36, 1939–1942; P-39, 1941–1943; P-40, 1941–1943. B-25, 1944; P-47, 1944–1945; P-51, 1944, 1945; UC-64, 1944–1945; L-1, 1944; L-5, 1944–1945; C-47, 1944–1945; YR-4, 1944–1945; CG-4 (glider), 1944–1945; TG-5 (glider), 1944–1945. C-46, 1962–1964; C/TC/VC-47, 1962–1970, 1973–1975; B/RB-26, 1962–1966; T/AT-28, 1962–1973; L-28 (later, U-10), 1962–1973; C/UC-123, 1963–1973; A-1, 1963–1966, 1969–1972; YAT-28, 1964–1965; YAT-37, 1964; O-1, 1964–1967, 1969–1971; AC-47, 1965, 1967–1969; U-3, 1966–1967; U-6, 1966–1967; UH-1, 1966, 1969–1974, 1976–1985; A/RA-26, 1966–1969; A-37, 1967–1969, 1969–1971, 1973–1974; EC/HC-47, 1967–1969, 1973; AC-123, 1967; C/MC-130, 1968–; AC-130, 1968, 1971–; EC-130, 1969; C/AC-119, 1968–1969, 1971–1972; O-2, 1969–1976; OV-10, 1969–1976; YQU-22 (drone), 1969–1970; QU-22 (drone), 1970–1971; CH-3, 1973–1974, 1976–1980; MH-53, 1980–; MH-60, 1989–; HC-130, 1989–. In addition to the primary aircraft listed above, also flew T-29, 1969–1973; VT-29, 1969–1975; T-33, 1969–1975; T-39, 1969–1975; C-131, 1970–1973; and VC-131, 1973–1975.

Operations

Provided fighter defense of Panama Canal operations, Dec 1932–Oct 1943. Replaced the 5318th Provisional Air Unit in India in Mar 1944. As a miscellaneous unit, the group was comprised until Sep 1944 of operational sections (rather than units): bomber; fighter; light-plane (and helicopter); transport; glider; and light-cargo. The group provided fighter cover, bomb striking power, and air transport services for Wingate's Raiders, fighting behind enemy lines in Burma. Operations included airdrop and landing of troops, food, and equipment; evacuation of casualties; and attacks against enemy airfields and lines of communication. Converted from P-51 to P-47

fighters and eliminated its B-25 bomber section in May 1944. In Sep 1944, after the original unit was consolidated with the headquarters component of the new establishment (also called 1st Air Commando Group), the sections were replaced by a troop carrier, two fighter, and three liaison squadrons. The group continued performing supply, evacuation, and liaison services for allied forces in Burma until the end of the war, including the movement of Chinese troops from Burma to China in Dec 1944. It also attacked bridges, railroads, airfields, barges, oil wells, and troop positions in Burma and escorted bombers to Burmese targets, including Rangoon. Switched back to P-51s in May 1945. Left Burma in Oct and inactivated in NJ in Nov 1945. Replaced the 4400th Combat Crew Training Group in Apr 1962 and assumed air commando operations and training responsibility. Trained USAF and South Vietnamese Air Force aircrews in the United States and South Vietnam in unconventional warfare, counterinsurgency, psychological warfare, and civic actions throughout the Southeast Asian conflict. Between 11 Jan and 30 Jun 1974, the USAF Special Operations Force and 1st Special Operations Wing merged their operations, and on 1 Jul 1974, the wing assumed responsibility for operating the USAF Air Ground Operations School, which trained personnel in concepts, doctrine, tactics, and procedures of joint and combined operations until 1 Feb 1978, and the USAF Special Operations School, which trained selected American and allied personnel in special operations, until Mar 1983. Elements of the wing participated in the attempt in Apr 1980 to rescue US hostages held in Tehran, Iran. Thereafter, continued to work closely with multi-service special operations forces to develop combat tactics for numerous types of aircraft and conduct combat crew training for USAF and foreign aircrews. Conducted numerous disaster relief; search and rescue; medical evacuation; and humanitarian support missions. Supported drug interdiction efforts in a coordinated program involving multiple US and foreign agencies, 1983–1985. Conducted airdrop and airlift of troops and equipment; psychological operations, close air support, reconnaissance, search and rescue, and attacks against enemy airfields and lines of communications in support of the rescue of US nationals in Grenada, Oct–Nov 1983, and the restoration of democracy in Panama, Dec 1989–Jan 1990. Beginning Aug 1990, deployed personnel and equipment to Saudi Arabia. These forces carried out combat search and rescue, unconventional warfare, and direct strike missions during the conflict, including suppression of Iraqi forces during the Battle of Khafji, Jan 1991.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: India-Burma; Central Burma. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Grenada, 1983; Panama, 1989–1990.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: Burma and India, [Mar]–20 May 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat “V” Device: 1 May 1982–30 Apr 1984. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: Jul 1963–Jun 1965; 1 Jul 1969–15 Apr 1971; 1 Jan 1976–31 Mar 1977; 15 Jul 1979–15 May 1980; 16 May 1980–30 Apr 1982; 1 May 1985–30 Apr 1987; 1 May 1988–30 Apr 1990.

Emblem

Per fess Azure and paly of 13 Gules and Argent, in pale a sword point to base light blue, winged fesswise in chief of the like, the blade surmounted in base by a lamp or enflamed of the third and fourth, all within a diminished bordure of the fifth. *Motto*: ANY TIME, ANY PLACE. Approved on 6 Jun 1963 (K–14253); replaced emblem approved on 4 Dec 1934 (K–2804).



17th Training Wing

Established as 17th Bombardment Wing, Light, on 8 May 1952. Activated on 10 May 1952. Redesignated 17th Bombardment Wing, Tactical, on 1 Oct 1955. Inactivated on 25 Jun 1958. Redesignated 17th Bombardment Wing, Heavy, and activated, on 15 Nov 1962. Organized on 1 Feb 1963. Inactivated on 30 Sep 1976. Redesignated 17th Reconnaissance Wing on 20 Jan 1982. Activated on 1 Oct 1982. Inactivated on 30 Jun 1991. Redesignated 17th Training Wing, and activated, on 1 Jul 1993.

Assignments

Fifth Air Force, 10 May 1952; Ninth Air Force, 1 Apr 1955–25 Jun 1958 (attached to Nineteenth Air Force, 15 Dec 1956–15 Dec 1957). Strategic Air Command, 15 Nov 1962; 40th Air Division, 1 Feb 1963; 6th Air Division, 1 Jul 1963; 57th Air Division, 1 Jul 1965; 817th Air Division, 2 Jul 1968; 45th Air Division, 2 Jul 1969; 40th Air Division, 1 Jul 1971; 42d Air Division, 1 Jul 1973; 14th Air Division, 30 Sep 1975–30 Sep 1976. 7th Air Division, 1 Oct 1982–30 Jun 1991. Second Air Force, 1 Jul 1993–.

Components

Group. 17th: 10 May 1952–25 Jun 1958.

Squadrons. 9th Air Refueling: 30 Sep 1975–30 Sep 1976. 34th: attached 8 Jun 1957–25 Jun 1958; assigned 1 Feb 1963–30 Sep 1976. 37th: attached 8 Jun 1957–25 Jun 1958. 95th: attached 8 Jun 1957–25 Jun 1958; assigned 1 Oct 1982–30 Jun 1991. 903d Air Refueling: 30 Sep 1975–30 Sep 1976. 922d Air Refueling: 1 Feb 1963–30 Sep 1975.

Stations

Pusan-East AB, South Korea, 10 May 1952; Miho AB, Japan, 10 Oct 1954–20 Mar 1955; Eglin Air Force Auxiliary Field No. 9 (Hurlburt Field), FL, 1 Apr 1955–25 Jun 1958. Wright-Patterson AFB, OH, 1 Feb 1963; Beale AFB, CA, 30 Sep 1975–30 Sep 1976. RAF Alconbury, England, 1 Oct 1982–30 Jun 1991. Goodfellow AFB, TX, 1 Jul 1993–.

Commanders

Col Albert W. Fletcher, 10 May 1952; Col Glen C. Nye, 3 Jun 1952; Col William C. Lindley, Jr., 7 Oct 1952; Col Clinton C. Wasem, 10 Oct 1952; Col Murdoch W. Campbell, c. Aug 1953; Col Daniel F. Tatum, c. Sep 1953; Col George D. Hughes, 8 Jul 1954; Col Walter H. Williamson, 4 Aug 1954; Col George D. Hughes, 4 Sep 1954; Col Howard F. Bronson, Jr., 10 Sep 1954; Col Carroll H. Bolender, 9 May 1956; Col Reginald J. Clizbe, 25 Jun 1956; Col Kenneth C. Dempster, 31 Mar–25 Jun 1958. None (not manned), 15 Nov 1962–31 Jan 1963; Col George H. Fulcher, 1 Feb 1963; Col Mason A. Dula, 1 Jun 1965; Col Clifford W. Hargrove, 1 Jan 1967; Col Raymond P. Lowman, 17 Jul 1967; Col James B. Vogler, Jr., 20 Nov 1968; Col Alfred R. Grimm, 12 Jan 1970; Brig Gen Ray B. Sitton, 26 Jun 1970; Col Thomas F. Rew, 24 May 1971; Col John D. Mash, 8 Jun 1972; Col Thomas P. Conlin, 12 Jun 1972; Col Andrew Pringle, Jr., 12 Feb 1973; Col Henry W. Boardman, 3 Jun 1974; Col George R. Savage, 8 Jul 1975; Lt Col Ovidio

Pugnale, 4 Aug 1975; Col Philip A. Brennan, 30 Sep 1975; Col John J. Tobin, 6 Apr–30 Sep 1976. Col George V. Freese, 1 Oct 1982; Col Thomas C. Lesan, 28 Jul 1983; Col James E. Wrenn, 16 Aug 1985; Col Arthur Saboski, 16 Jul 1987; Col John L. Sander, 6 Jun 1989; Col Charles W. Hinkle, 20 Feb–30 Jun 1991.

Aircraft

B–26, 1952–1956; B–57, 1955–1956; B–66, 1956–1958. B–52, 1963–1975, 1975–1976; KC–135, 1963–1975, 1975–1976. TR–1, 1982–1991.

Operations

Replaced 452d Bombardment Wing, Light, in South Korea and conducted combat operations, 10 May 1952–27 Jul 1953. Operations included night intruder light bombardment missions against enemy supply centers, communications and transportation; interdiction of North Korean railroads; armed reconnaissance; and close air support for ground forces. Afterwards, maintained operational proficiency for light bombardment in Japan until moved to the United States, then trained to maintain tactical proficiency under TAC until inactivation. Replaced 4043d Strategic Wing in Feb 1963 and trained to maintain proficiency in strategic bombardment and aerial refueling on a global basis. Furnished B–52 aircrews and KC–135 aircraft and crews to SAC units involved in combat operations in Southeast Asia, 1965–1975. Taken off alert at Wright-Patterson AFB, OH, on 30 Jun 1975 and phased down, transferring aircraft by 7 Jul. Moved without personnel or equipment to Beale AFB, CA, on 30 Sep 1975 and absorbed resources of the 456th Bombardment Wing, including B–52G and KC–135Q aircraft. Continued global strategic bombardment alert to 30 Jun 1976 and used tanker aircraft primarily to refuel SR–71s of the 9th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing. Inactivated on 30 Sep 1976. Activated in England on 1 Oct 1982. Flew tactical and strategic surveillance missions in Western Europe until inactivated in 1991. Received the Cullen Trophy for providing “the greatest contribution to the intelligence gathering efforts of SAC” in 1989 and 1990. Many of the wing’s assets and personnel supported operations in Southwest Asia by ferrying aircraft and equipment from Alconbury, England, to Taif, Saudi Arabia.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

Korea: Korea Summer–Fall, 1952; Third Korean Winter; Korea Summer, 1953. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1963–31 Mar 1964; 1 Jul 1971–30 Jun 1973; 1 Jul 1985–30 Jun 1987; 1 Jul 1988–30 Jun 1990. Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation: 24 May 1952–31 Mar 1953.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by 17th Bombardment Group prior to 10 May 1952.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater; Tunisia; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Anzio; Rome-Arno; Southern France; North Apennines; Rhineland; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Decorations. Distinguished Unit Citations: Italy, 13 Jan 1944; Schweinfurt, Germany, 10 Apr 1945. French Croix de Guerre with Palm: Apr, May, and Jun 1944.

Emblem

Or, seven crosses patee in pale Sable. Motto: TOUJOURS AU DANGER — Ever into danger. Approved for 17th Group on 2 Nov 1937 and for 17th Wing on 27 May 1952 (24960 AC).



18th Wing

Established as 18th Fighter Wing on 10 Aug 1948. Activated on 14 Aug 1948.
Redesignated 18th Fighter-Bomber Wing on 20 Jan 1950; 18th Tactical Fighter Wing
on 1 Jul 1958; 18th Wing on 1 Oct 1991.

Assignments

Thirteenth Air Force, 14 Aug 1948; Far East Air Forces, 1 Dec 1948; Thirteenth Air Force, 16 May 1949 (attached to Fifth Air Force, 1 Dec 1950–31 Oct 1954; Twentieth Air Force, 1 Nov 1954; 6332d Air Base Wing, 1–9 Nov 1954; Twentieth Air Force, 10 Nov 1954–31 Jan 1955; Air Task Group Fifth, Provisional, 1–15 Feb 1955; Twentieth Air Force, 16–28 Feb 1955; 313th Air Division, 1 Mar 1955–31 Jan 1957; Fifth Air Force, 1 Feb–30 Sep 1957); Fifth Air Force, 1 Oct 1957; 313th Air Division, 10 Nov 1958 (attached to Fifth Air Force ADVON, 28 Jan–13 Jun 1968); Fifth Air Force, 1 Oct 1991–.

Components

Groups. 5th Reconnaissance: attached 1 Dec 1948–16 May 1949. 18th Fighter (later, 18th Fighter–Bomber; 18th Tactical Fighter; 18th Operations): 14 Aug 1948–1 Oct 1957 (detached 16 May–16 Dec 1949, 28 Jul–30 Nov 1950, 1–9 Nov 1954, and 3–c. 30 Sep 1955); 1 May 1978–11 Feb 1981; 1 Oct 1991–. 35th Fighter-Interceptor: attached 7–24 May 1951.

Squadrons. (Note: Because of the numerous deployments by the 15th, 44th, and 67th Squadrons in the 1960s and 1970s, detached periods are not shown for them.) 1st Special Operations: 15 Dec 1972–1 May 1978. 12th Fighter-Bomber (later, 12th Tactical Fighter): attached 15 Mar–15 Aug 1957; assigned 25 Mar 1958–1 May 1978 (detached 1 Feb–15 Mar 1965, 15 Jun–25 Aug 1965, 23–29 Jan 1968); assigned 11 Feb 1981–1 Oct 1991. 13th Tactical Fighter: 15 May 1966–15 Nov 1967 (detached). 15th Tactical Reconnaissance: attached 15 Mar 1960–19 Apr 1970, assigned 20 Apr 1970–1 May 1978; assigned 11 Feb 1981–1 Oct 1989. 19th Tactical Electronic Warfare: 31 Dec 1968–31 Oct 1970 (detached 31 Dec 1968–10 May 1969). 21st Troop Carrier: attached 17 Feb–28 Jun 1950. 25th Liaison: attached 1 Dec 1948–25 Mar 1949. 25th Tactical Fighter: 19 Dec 1975–1 May 1978. 26th Aggressor: 1 Oct 1988–21 Feb 1990. 39th Fighter-Interceptor: attached 25 May 1951–31 May 1952. 44th Fighter-Bomber (later, 44th Tactical Fighter): attached 25 Jul–30 Nov 1950; attached 1 Feb–30 Sep 1957, assigned 1 Oct 1957–25 Apr 1967; assigned 15 Mar 1971–1 May 1978; assigned 11 Feb 1981–1 Oct 1991. 67th Fighter-Bomber (later, 67th Tactical Fighter): attached 1 Feb–30 Sep 1957, assigned 1 Oct 1957–15 Dec 1967; assigned 15 Mar 1971–1 May 1978; assigned 11 Feb 1981–1 Oct 1991. 90th Special Operations: 15 Apr–15 Dec 1972. 306th Tactical Fighter: attached 24 Apr–17 Jul 1962. 307th Tactical Fighter: attached 21 Dec 1962–Mar 1963. 308th Tactical Fighter: attached Mar–Jul 1963. 309th Tactical Fighter: attached 17 Jul–21 Dec 1962. 336th Fighter-Day: attached 7 Aug 1956–

1 Feb 1957. 6200th Troop Carrier: attached 1 Dec 1948–16 May 1949. Flying Training Squadron, Provisional: attached 15 Oct 1957–25 Mar 1958.

Flight. 6204th Photo-Mapping: attached 17 Dec 1949–1 Dec 1950.

Stations

Clark AFB, Philippine Islands, 14 Aug 1948; Pusan AB, South Korea, 1 Dec 1950; Pyongyang East, North Korea, 1 Dec 1950; Suwon AB, South Korea, 4 Dec 1950; Chinhae, South Korea, 10 Dec 1950; Osan-ni, South Korea, 26 Dec 1952; Kadena AB, Okinawa (later, Japan), 1 Nov 1954–.

Commanders

Brig Gen Robert C. Oliver, 14 Aug 1948; Col Herbert K. Baisley, c. 25 Oct 1948; Brig Gen Jarred V. Crabb, 1 Dec 1948 (additional duty after 16 May 1949); Maj Gen Harold M. Turner, Jun 1949 (additional duty); Col Clinton W. Davies, 17 Dec 1949; Col Curtis R. Low, 1 Dec 1950; Brig Gen Turner C. Rogers, 1 Feb 1951; Col Ernest G. Ford, 2 Feb 1952; Col William H. Clark, 7 Mar 1952; Col Frank S. Perego, 1 Jan 1953; Col John C. Edwards, 15 Jun 1953; Col Maurice L. Martin, 5 Jul 1953; Col Avelin P. Tacon, Jr., 31 Jul 1953; Col William D. Gilchrist, 17 Jul 1954; Col Cecil P. Lessig, 26 Jul 1954; Col Nathan J. Adams, 1 Nov 1954 (additional duty); Col John B. Murphy, 9 Nov 1954; Col Homer C. Rankin, 4 Feb 1955; Col Glendon P. Overing, 5 Apr 1955; Col Robert C. Orth, 3 May 1956; Col William S. Chairsell, 5 Jul 1958; Col Gust Askounis, 15 Aug 1958; Col Francis R. Royal, 23 Aug 1958; Col James A. Wilson, 14 Jul 1960; Col Francis S. Gabreski, 2 Aug 1960; Col George B. Simler, 19 Jun 1962; Col Jones E. Bolt, 16 May 1964; Col Robert L. Cardenas, 19 Jul 1964; Col Neil J. Graham, 28 Jun 1966; Col Clarence E. Anderson, Jr., 17 Jun 1967; Col Monroe S. Sams, 22 Dec 1967; Col Philip V. Howell, Jr., 24 Jun 1970; Brig Gen Robert F. Titus, 19 May 1971; Col Harold K. Wimberley, 29 May 1973; Col Charles H. Hausenfleck, 1 Jun 1974; Brig Gen Clyde F. McClain, 1 Dec 1974 (additional duty); Maj Gen Lynwood E. Clark, 14 Jul 1975 (additional duty); Maj Gen Walter H. Baxter III, 9 Jun 1976 (additional duty); Brig Gen James R. Brown, 22 Aug 1978 (additional duty); Col Ray Y. Walden, Jr., 13 Aug 1979 (acting); Brig Gen James R. Brown, 29 Sep 1979 (additional duty); Col Robert L. Rutherford, 11 Feb 1981; Col Philip M. Drew, 16 Aug 1982; Col Richard E. Hawley, 2 Apr 1984; Col Frederick M. Beatty, 14 Mar 1986; Col Robert W. La Tourrette, 10 Nov 1987; Col John B. Hall, Jr., 6 Jun 1989; Brig Gen Joseph E. Hurd, 1 Oct 1991; Brig Gen Jeffrey G. Cliver, 21 Jul 1992–.

Aircraft

P (later, F)–47, 1948; F–51, 1948–1950, 1950–1953; RB–17, 1948–1949, 1949–1950; F–2, 1948–1949; L–5, 1948–1949; C–47, 1948–1949; VB–17, 1948–1949; C–46, 1949; RC–45, 1949–1950; F–80, 1949–1950; F–86, 1953–1955, 1955, 1955–1957; T–33, 1954; F–100, 1957–1963; F–105, 1962–1965, 1965–1968, 1968–1972; RF–101, 1960–1967; RF–4, 1967–1989; F–4, 1971–1980; C–130 (later MC–130), 1972–1980; T–39, 1975–1976; CT–39, 1977–; F–15, 1979–; E–3, 1991–; KC–135, 1991–; C–12, 1992–; HH–3, 1993–.

Operations

Maintained proficiency in tactical aircraft; from 1 Dec 1948 to 16 May 1949 was the major Far East Air Forces organization in the Philippines. Aerial mapping, 1948–1950. Wing headquarters unmanned, 16 May–17 Dec 1949. In late Jul 1950, the group and two squadrons deployed to Korea for combat, converting to F–51s, while the wing continued air defense of the Philippines. Wing rejoined the group in Korea on 1 Dec 1950 and resumed operational control. Combat operations included armed reconnaissance, strategic bombing, close ground support, aerial combat and interdiction. Converted to F–86s in early 1953 and continued counterair and ground attack missions to the end of the war. Moved to Okinawa on 1 Nov 1954, supporting tactical operations there and in Korea, Japan, Formosa (later Taiwan), and the Philippines. Deployed at Yonton Auxiliary AB, Okinawa, 10 Nov–11 Dec 1954. Deployed at Chia-Yi, Formosa, 1–16 Feb 1955. Performed reconnaissance, 1960–1989. Supported combat operations in Southeast Asia from 1961 with deployed reconnaissance forces, and from 1964 with deployed tactical fighter forces until the end of that conflict. Deployed at Osan AB, South Korea, following the *Pueblo* crisis (28 Jan–c. 13 Jun 1968). Maintained air defense alert capability in South Korea, 1978–. Converted from F–4 to F–15 aircraft, 1979–1980. Continued to maintain assigned aircraft, crews, and supporting personnel in a high state of readiness for tactical air requirements of Fifth Air Force and the Pacific Air Forces. Beginning Oct 1991, the mission of the wing expanded to include aerial refueling and surveillance, warning, command, control and communications. Added airlift mission in Jun 1992, transporting mission critical personnel, high-priority cargo and distinguished visitors. In Feb 1993, gained responsibility for coordinating rescue operations in the Western Pacific and Indian Ocean.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

Korea: CCF Intervention; First UN Counteroffensive; CCF Spring Offensive; UN Summer–Fall Offensive; Second Korean Winter; Korea Summer–Fall, 1952; Third Korean Winter; Korea Summer, 1953.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Dec 1959–30 Nov 1960; 1 Sep 1962–31 Aug 1963; 1 Aug 1964–5 Jun 1965; 6 Jun 1965–31 Dec 1966; 1 Sep 1978–30 Sep 1979; 1 Oct 1979–31 May 1980; 1 Jul 1981–31 May 1983; 1 Jun 1983–31 May 1984; 1 Jun 1984–31 May 1986; 1 Jun 1987–31 May 1989; 1 Jun 1989–31 May 1991. Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citations: 1 Dec 1950–31 Jan 1951; 1 Feb 1951–31 Mar 1953. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 1 Apr 1966–28 Jan 1973.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 18th Operations Group prior to 14 Aug 1948.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. World War II: Northern Solomons; Bismarck Archipelago; New Guinea; Leyte; Luzon; Southern Philippines; Central Pacific; Western Pacific; China Defensive.

Decorations. Distinguished Unit Citation: Philippine Islands, 10–11 Nov 1944. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation.

Emblem

Or, a fighting cock with wings displayed Sable, wattled and combed Gules. *Motto:* UNGUIBUS ET ROSTRO — With talons and beak. Approved for 18th Group on 21 Feb 1931 and for 18th Wing on 17 Apr 1953 (44659 A.C.).



19th Air Refueling Wing

Established as 19th Bombardment Wing, Medium, on 10 Aug 1948. Activated on 17 Aug 1948. Redesignated: 19th Bombardment Wing, Heavy, on 1 Jul 1961; 19th Air Refueling Wing, Heavy, on 1 Oct 1983; 19th Air Refueling Wing on 1 Sep 1991.

Assignments

Twentieth Air Force, 17 Aug 1948; Far East Air Forces, 16 May 1949; Twentieth Air Force, 17 Oct 1949 (attached to Far East Air Forces Bomber Command, Provisional, 1 Jun 1953–c. 28 May 1954); Second Air Force, 11 Jun 1954 (attached to Air Division Provisional, 813th, 11 Jun–14 Jul 1954); 813th Air Division, 15 Jul 1954 (attached to 5th Air Division, 7 Jan–11 Apr 1956); 823d Air Division, 1 Jun 1956 (attached to 5th Air Division, 8 May–7 Jul 1957); 57th Air Division, 25 Jul 1968; 823d Air Division, 2 Jul 1969; 42d Air Division, 30 Jun 1971; Eighth Air Force, 16 Jun 1988; Fifteenth Air Force, 1 Sep 1991; Twenty-First Air Force, 1 Jul 1993–.

Components

Groups. 19th Bombardment (later, 19th Operations): 17 Aug 1948–1 Jun 1953 (detached 28 Jun 1950–1 Jun 1953); 1 Sep 1991–. 457th Operations: 1 Jul 1993–1 Oct 1994.

Squadrons. 19th Air Refueling: 1 Feb 1956–1 Apr 1960 (detached 1 Feb–1 Jun 1956). 21st Troop Carrier: attached 12 Jan–1 Feb 1950. 28th: 1 Jun 1953–1 Oct 1983. 30th: 1 Jun 1953–1 Jan 1962. 93d: 1 Jun 1953–1 Aug 1961. 99th: 1 Oct 1983–1 Sep 1991. 100th Air Refueling: attached 2 Feb 1955–16 Aug 1956. 303d Air Refueling: 1 Nov 1959–1 Apr 1961. 407th Air Refueling: 1 Apr 1962–2 Jul 1968. 525th: 9 Jan–15 Mar 1961. 526th: 9 Jan–1 Jun 1961. 659th: 1 Nov 1958–1 Jul 1961. 912th Air Refueling: 25 Jul 1968–1 Sep 1991.

Stations

North Guam (later, Andersen) AFB, Guam, 17 Aug 1948; Kadena AB, Okinawa, 1 Jun 1953–28 May 1954; Pinecastle AFB, FL, 11 Jun 1954; Homestead AFB, FL, 1 Jun 1956; Robins AFB, GA, 25 Jul 1968–.

Commanders

Lt Col Clarence G. Poff, 17 Aug 1948; Col Robert V. DeShazo, 24 Sep 1948; Maj Gen Alvan C. Kincaid, 16 May 1949; Brig Gen Alfred R. Maxwell, 1 Jun 1949; Col Frederick E. Calhoun, 26 Nov 1949; Brig Gen Adlai H. Gilkeson, 29 Nov 1949; Brig Gen Robert W.C. Wamsatt, 27 May 1951; Col Harvey C. Dorney, 1 Jun 1953; Col Lloyd H. Dalton, Jr., 31 Aug 1953; Col John W. Livingston, 24 Apr 1954; Col Virgil M. Cloyd, Jr., 26 Jul 1954; Col John W. Livingston, 9 Feb 1958; Col James H. Thompson, 14 Apr 1958; Col Roland W. Bergamy, 1 Aug 1960; Col Richard R. Stewart, 5 Jul 1961; Col Mason A. Dula, 24 Oct 1963; Col Edward D. Edwards, 14 Dec 1963; Col

Gordon F. Goyt, 4 Jun 1966; Col Clifford W. Hargrove, 1 Aug 1967; Col James S. Howard, 1 Jul 1968; Col Wesley L. Pendergraft, 25 Jul 1968; Col Gerhard R. Abendhoff, 1 Apr 1969; Col William R. Thorstenson, 13 Feb 1970; Col Dudley G. Kavanaugh, 3 Sep 1971; Col Stanley C. Beck, 9 Aug 1972; Col Nathaniel A. Gallagher, 1 Dec 1972; Col John F. Wylam, 9 Apr 1973; Col William E. Masterson, 9 Jul 1973; Col Nathaniel A. Gallagher, 29 Oct 1973; Col Frank H. McArdle, 15 Feb 1974; Col Edwin L. Smith, 11 Jul 1975; Col Charles W. Reeves, Jr., 28 Jun 1977; Col Donald O. Pflugrath, 26 Jun 1978; Col Ellie G. Shuler, Jr., 16 Jan 1980; Col Donald L. Marks, 10 Jul 1980; Col Richard L. Purdum, 18 Aug 1981; Col Norman R. Butler, 6 Oct 1983; Col Thomas M. Mooney, 28 Sep 1984; Col James M. Hembree, 25 Jul 1986; Col John D. Lunt, 13 Aug 1987; Col Dennis M. Lane, 4 Apr 1989; Col Robert A. Plebanek, 22 Jun 1990; Col Terrance J. Phelps, 19 Dec 1991; Col Tome H. Walters, Jr., 9 Feb 1993–.

Aircraft

B–29, 1948–1950, 1953–1954; B–47, 1954–1961; KC–97, 1955–1961; B–52, 1962–1968, 1968–1972, 1973–1983; KC–135, 1962–1968, 1968–1972, 1973–; EC–135, 1984–; EC–137, 1991–; T–37, 1993–.

Operations

Formed in Aug 1948 from resources of the former North Guam Air Force Base Command (Provisional). Operated North Guam (later, Andersen) AFB, Guam, and maintained proficiency in B–29s. In May 1949, the wing assumed responsibility for administering three bases plus an assortment of support facilities and units. When the Korean War began, the 19th Bombardment Group was immediately detached for operations from Kadena AB, Okinawa. The wing remained at Andersen AFB in an administrative and logistical capacity. On 1 Jun 1953, wing headquarters moved without personnel or equipment to Kadena and absorbed personnel and equipment of the inactivated 19th Bombardment Group. Through 27 Jul 1953 the wing flew 281 combat sorties (23 missions) in Korea. Moved to Florida in May–Jun 1954, turning in its B–29s at Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ, enroute, and began receiving B–47s. Gained a KC–97 air refueling unit early in 1955. Deployed to Sidi Slimane AB, French Morocco, Jan–Apr 1956, and to Ben Guerir AB, Morocco, May–Jul 1957. From Jul 1957 to Apr 1961, the wing maintained a portion of its tactical resources on overseas alert. Converted to B–52 and KC–135 aircraft in 1961–1962. Won the Fairchild Trophy in the SAC bombing and navigation competition for 1966. Moved without personnel or equipment to Robins AFB, GA, on 25 Jul 1968 and absorbed resources of

the 465th Bombardment Wing. Furnished B-52 and KC-135 aircraft and crews to other SAC organizations involved in combat operations in Southeast Asia, and late in 1972 the wing headquarters reduced to a small housekeeping unit because of personnel deployments. Regained KC-135 and B-52 aircraft and crews and resumed normal operations in Nov 1973. Won the Omaha Trophy as the “outstanding wing in SAC” for 1981. Redesignated an air refueling wing on 1 Oct 1983, began worldwide aerial refueling missions for various operations and exercises, and supported the European Tanker Task Force. Flew aerial refueling missions supporting the rescue efforts in Grenada, 23–24 Oct 1983. Beginning in 1984, provided two EC-135 aircraft and crews to support the United States Central Command’s mission in Southwest Asia. With conversion to KC-135R aircraft, gained the additional missions of supporting the Pacific and Alaska Tanker Task Forces in Mar 1988, and the Caribbean Tanker Task Force in Mar 1990. Wing aircraft and crews set sixteen world aviation records in the “Time to Climb Event” on 19 Nov 1988. Flew aerial refueling missions for the invasion of Panama, 18–21 Dec 1989. Deployed KC/EC-135 aircraft and personnel to Southwest Asia, Aug 1990–Mar 1991, to provide aerial refueling and transport of cargo, and command, control and communications aircraft. Starting 1 Jan 1992, provided an EC-137 and crews to support the United States Special Operations Command. Began supporting the Saudi Tanker Task Force in Aug 1992.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

Korea: Korea, Summer, 1953. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Grenada, 1983.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1964–30 Jun 1965; 1 Jul 1967–30 Jun 1968; 1 Jul 1982–30 Jun 1984; 1 Jul 1984–30 Jun 1986. Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation: [1 Jun 1953]–27 Jul 1953.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display the honors earned by the 19th Operations Group prior to 17 Aug 1948.

Service Streamers. World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers. World War II: Philippine Islands; East Indies; Papua; Guadalcanal; Western Pacific; Air Offensive, Japan.

Decorations. Distinguished Unit Citations: Philippine Islands, 1 Dec 1941–10 May 1942; Philippines Islands, 8–22 Dec 1941; Philippine Islands and Netherlands Indies, 1 Jan–1 Mar 1942; Philippine Islands, 6 Jan–8 Mar 1942; Papua, 23 Jul–[Oct] 1942; New Britain, 7–12 Aug 1942; Japan, 9–19 Mar 1945; Kobe, Japan, 5 Jun 1945. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation.

Emblem

Azure, within a pattern of four mullets Or a winged stylized sword point to base of the like detailed Azure all within a diminished bordure Or. Approved for the 19th Group on 19 Oct 1936 and for the 19th Wing on 9 May 1952; modified on 19 Sep 1983. *Motto:* CHECKMATE TO AGGRESSION, approved c. 3 Oct 1969.



20th Fighter Wing

Established as 20th Fighter Wing on 28 Jul 1947. Organized on 15 Aug 1947.
Redesignated: 20th Fighter-Bomber Wing on 20 Jan 1950; 20th Tactical Fighter Wing on 8 Jul 1958; 20th Fighter Wing on 1 Oct 1991.

Assignments

Ninth Air Force, 15 Aug 1947; Fourteenth Air Force, 1 Feb 1949; Tactical Air Command, 1 Aug 1950; Ninth Air Force, 22 Jan 1951 (attached to Tactical Air Division, Provisional, 25 Apr–10 Oct 1951; Tactical Air Command, 6–30 Nov 1951); Tactical Air Command, 1 Dec 1951 (attached to 49th Air Division, Operational, 12 Feb 1952–); United States Air Forces in Europe, 31 May 1952 (remained attached to 49th Air Division, Operational); Third Air Force, 5 Jun 1952 (remained attached to 49th Air Division, Operational [later, 49th Air Division (Operational)], to 1 Jul 1956); Seventeenth Air Force, 1 Jul 1961; Third Air Force, 1 Sep 1963; Ninth Air Force, 1 Jan 1994–.

Components

Group. 20th Fighter (later, 20th Fighter-Bomber; 20th Operations): 15 Aug 1947–8 Feb 1955 (detached 26 Jul–c. 17 Dec 1950 and 25 Apr–10 Oct 1951); 31 Mar 1992–1 Jan 1994; 1 Jan 1994–.

Squadrons. 42d Electronic Combat: assigned 1 Jul 1983–1 Jun 1985, attached 2 Jun 1985–24 Jan 1991, assigned 25 Jan 1991–1 Jul 1992. 55th: attached 15 Nov 1952–7 Feb 1955, assigned 8 Feb 1955–31 Mar 1992. 77th: attached 15 Nov 1952–7 Feb 1955, assigned 8 Feb 1955–31 Mar 1992. 79th: attached 15 Nov 1952–7 Feb 1955, assigned 8 Feb 1955–31 Mar 1992.

Stations

Shaw Field (later, AFB), SC, 15 Aug 1947; Langley AFB, VA, 9 Nov 1951–22 May 1952; Wethersfield RAF Station (later, RAF Wethersfield), England, 31 May 1952; RAF Upper Heyford, England, 1 Apr 1970–1 Jan 1994; Shaw AFB, SC, 1 Jan 1994–.

Commanders

Col Phineas K. Morrill, Jr., 15 Aug 1947; none (not manned), 25 Apr–10 Oct 1951; Col Reginald F. C. Vance, c. 11 Oct 1951; Col John A. Dunning, 22 Oct 1951; Col Arthur G. Salisbury, 6 Jun 1955; Col Raymond F. Toliver, 4 Apr 1957; Col Jay T. Robbins, 21 Jun 1959; Col Wendell J. Kelly, 26 Jun 1961; Col Royal N. Baker, 9 Jul 1961; Brig Gen John W. Baer, 10 Jun 1963; Col Ernest T. Cragg, 26 Jun 1965; Col Paul C. Watson, 10 Jul 1966; Brig Gen Edmund B. Edwards, 12 Aug 1966; Col Joseph A. Hagemann, 11 Jul 1968; Col Grant R. Smith, 1 Apr 1970; Brig Gen Richard M. Baughn, 15 Jun 1971; Brig Gen William C. Norris, 2 Feb 1973; Col James H. Ahmann, 12 Nov 1973; Col Kenneth D. Burns, 17 Aug 1974; Col Robert D. Anderson, 23 Jun 1975; Col Gerald D. Larson, 9 Jun 1977; Col Jerry W. Tietge, 30 Mar

1978; Col Merrill A. McPeak, 25 Feb 1980; Col Donald G. Waltman, 12 Apr 1981; Brig Gen Fred R. Nelson, 27 May 1981; Brig Gen Dale W. Thompson, Jr., 17 Feb 1984; Col Graham E. Shirley, 7 Jul 1986; Col Lee A. Downer, 8 Jul 1988; Col Lawrence E. Stellmon, 9 Feb 1990; Col Terry J. Schwalier, 20 Jul 1992–.

Aircraft

P (later, F)–51, 1947–1948; P (later, F)–84, 1948–1950, 1950–1951, 1951–1957; F–100, 1957–1971; F–111, 1970–; EF–111, 1984–1992.

Operations

Trained to maintain proficiency as a tactical fighter unit, 1947–1950. The tactical group participated in firepower demonstrations, field exercises, and special operations. Trained Turkish officers in P–51s, Feb–Apr 1948. Tactical group detached, supporting SAC's 3d Air Division at RAF Manston, England, Dec 1950–Apr 1951. Wing headquarters not operational, 25 Apr–10 Oct 1951; all personnel detached for duty with Tactical Air Division, Provisional, which assumed operational control over all wing elements. Moved to England in May 1952 with a mission of maintaining proficiency for tactical operations with conventional and nuclear weapons in support of NATO operations in the European area. Replaced the 66th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing at RAF Upper Heyford, England, on 1 Apr 1970. Transferred last F–100 in Feb 1971 and received first F–111 in Sep 1970 as part of general aircraft conversion. Trained to conduct conventional or nuclear tactical air operations, primarily through firepower demonstrations and tactical exercises. Operated from RAF Greenham Common, England, 29 Apr–17 Aug 1976. Added electronic combat mission in 1983 and the EF–111 aircraft to implement that mission in Feb 1984. Participated in numerous tactical and electronic countermeasure exercises at many operating locations with other USAF and Allied assets. Deployed aircraft and personnel to Southwest Asia and Turkey providing tactical and electronic combat operations against Iraq, 17 Jan–28 Feb 1991. Won the 1991 Gunsmoke tactical gunnery competition in the F–111 category. Relieved of electronic combat mission and the EF–111 aircraft with the inactivation of the 42d Electronic Combat Squadron on 1 Jul 1992.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1956–30 Sep 1957; 1 May 1963–31 Dec 1964; 1 Jan 1965–31 Mar 1966; 1 Jul 1968–31 Mar 1970; 1 Sep 1970–30 Jun 1972; 31 Mar 1973–30 Jun 1974; 1 Jul 1977–30 Jun 1979; 1 Jul 1981–30 Jun 1983; 1 Jul 1987–30 Jun 1989; 1 Jul 1990–30 Jun 1992.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 20th Operations Group prior to 28 Jul 1947.

Service Streamers. World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers. World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe.

Decorations. Distinguished Unit Citation: Central Germany, 8 Apr 1944.

Emblem

Per fess Azure and Gules, a fess nebuly Or, all within a diminished bordure of the like. *Motto:* VICTORY BY VALOR. Approved on 18 Dec 1934 for 20th Group and on 31 Oct 1951 for 20th Wing (KE 21245).



21st Space Wing

Established as 21st Fighter-Bomber Wing on 15 Nov 1952. Activated on 1 Jan 1953. Inactivated on 8 Feb 1958. Redesignated 21st Tactical Fighter Wing on 19 May 1958. Activated on 1 Jul 1958. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 18 Jun 1960. Redesignated 21st Composite Wing, and activated, on 6 May 1966. Organized on 8 Jul 1966. Redesignated: 21st Tactical Fighter Wing on 1 Oct 1979; 21st Wing on 26 Sep 1991. Inactivated on 19 Dec 1991. Redesignated 21st Space Wing on 1 May 1992. Activated on 15 May 1992.

Assignments

Ninth Air Force, 1 Jan 1953; Twelfth Air Force, 12 Dec 1954; United States Air Forces in Europe, 1 Jan–8 Feb 1958. Fifth Air Force, 1 Jul 1958; 39th Air Division, 10 Nov 1958–18 Jun 1960. Alaskan Air Command (later, Eleventh Air Force), 6 May 1966–19 Dec 1991. Air Force Space Command, 15 May 1992; Fourteenth Air Force, 20 Sep 1993–.

Components

Groups. 21st Fighter-Bomber (later, 21st Operations): 1 Jan 1953–8 Feb 1958; 26 Sep–19 Dec 1991; 15 May 1992–. 343d Tactical Fighter: 15 Nov 1977–1 Jan 1980. 721st Space: 15 May 1992–24 Jun 1994.

Squadrons. 2d Space Warning: 21 July 1995–. 5th Space Warning: 8 Jun 1995–. 8th Space Warning: 9 Jun 1995–30 Sep 1995. 12th Space Warning: 8 Jun 1995–. 17th Troop Carrier (later, 17th Tactical Airlift): 8 Jul 1966–31 Mar 1975. 18th Tactical Fighter: 1 Oct–15 Nov 1977; 1 Jan 1980–1 Jan 1982. 43d Tactical Fighter: 15 Jul 1970–15 Nov 1977; 1 Jan 1980–26 Sep 1991. 54th Tactical Fighter: 8 May 1987–26 Sep 1991. 72d: attached 15 Apr 1957–8 Feb 1958. 90th Tactical Fighter: 29 May–26 Sep 1991. 317th Fighter-Interceptor: 8 Jul 1966–31 Dec 1969. 416th: attached 15 Apr 1957–8 Feb 1958; assigned 1 Jul 1958–18 Jun 1960. 531st: attached 15 Apr 1957–8 Feb 1958; assigned 1 Jul 1958–18 Jun 1960. 5021st Tactical Operations: 1 Oct 1981–1 Jul 1988. 5040th Helicopter: 15 Jul 1969–30 Sep 1975. 5041st Tactical Operations: 1 Oct 1971–1 Oct 1977.

Stations

George AFB, CA, 1 Jan 1953–28 Nov 1954; Chambley AB, France, 12 Dec 1954–8 Feb 1958. Misawa AB, Japan, 1 Jul 1958–18 Jun 1960. Elmendorf AFB, AK, 8 Jul 1966–19 Dec 1991. Peterson AFB, CO, 15 May 1992–.

Commanders

Col James B. Buck, 1 Jan 1953; Col Robert R. Rowland, 27 Apr 1953; Col Robert N. Baker, 29 Jun 1956–8 Feb 1958. Col Frank J. Collins, 1 Jul 1958; Col William W. Ingenhutt, 21 Aug 1958; Col Dean Davenport, 28 Sep 1959–18 Jun 1960. None (not manned), 6 May–7 Jul 1966; Col Donald H. Lynch, 8 Jul 1966; Col Charles W. Johnson, Jr., Jun 1968; Col Kennieth D. Dunaway, 23 Sep 1969; Col John A. Nelson, 15 Jan 1970; Col Kennieth D. Dunaway, 1 Sep 1970; Col James R. Larkins, 23 Jul 1971; Col James R. Brickel, 9 Aug 1971; Col David T. Stockman, 12 Jul 1972; Col Charles F. Loyd, 4 Jun 1973; Col Frederick C. Eaton, 1 Jul 1974; Col Edward L. Tixier,

1 Jul 1975; Col John T. Wotring, 29 Apr 1977; Col Michael A. Nelson, 16 Apr 1979; Col Jerry D. Cobb, 20 Feb 1981; Col Robert W. Hibarger, 15 Apr 1982 (Interim); Col Evan J. Griffith, Jr., 22 Apr 1982; Col Wilfred K. Abbott, 16 Apr 1984; Col Pat R. Paxton, 10 Jul 1984; Col William R. Povilus, 19 Mar 1985; Col Stuart L. Alton, 17 Oct 1986; Col Harold S. Storer, Jr., 23 Aug 1988; Col Donald J. Creighton, 20 Mar 1990; Col Rodney P. Kelly, 26 Sep–19 Dec 1991; Brig Gen Ronald D. Gray, 15 May 1992–.

Aircraft

F–51, 1953; F–86, 1953–1958. F–84, 1958–1959; F–100, 1958–1960. F/TF–102, 1966–1969; C–130, 1966–1975; C–124, 1969–1971, 1971–1974; H–21, 1969–1970; F–4, 1970–1982; HH–3, 1970–1975; B–57, 1971–1975; C–118, 1971–1975; T–33, 1971–1988; T–39, 1971–1977; VC–118, 1972–1975; EC–118, 1973–1975; CH–3, 1974–1975; EB–57, 1974–1976; C–12, 1977–1984; F–15, 1982–1991.

Operations

Maintained tactical proficiency and provided air defense augmentation in the United States, Jan 1953–Nov 1954. Became part of the NATO defense forces in Europe, performing special weapons tactical operations, Dec 1954–Jan 1958. Participated in numerous actual and simulated tactical air operations and provided air defense augmentation in Japan and Korea, Jul 1958–Jun 1960. In 1966, assumed air defense responsibility for Alaska and contiguous areas in support of the Commander-in-Chief, North American Air Defense and Aerospace Defense Commands through the Alaskan NORAD Region and ADCOM Region. Provided support for multi-service special operations in arctic regions and participated in numerous search and rescue efforts, 1966–1991. Maintained air defense and alert forces at forward operating bases in Galena and King Salmon, AK, 1977–1991. In 1978–1979 lent humanitarian support and assistance to Vietnamese refugees relocating to Canada. Transitioned to F–15 aircraft in 1982, expanding offensive role; conducted numerous training deployments nationwide and to the Far East. Inactivated in 1991. Activated in 1992 at Peterson AFB, CO, assuming a new role as space wing, providing command management of Air Force Space Command's worldwide network of assigned missile warning, space surveillance, and communications units.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 8 Jul 1966–1 May 1967; 2 May 1967–1 Jan 1968; 2 Jan–31 Dec 1968; 1 Jan–31 Dec 1969; 1 Jan–31 Dec 1970; 1 Jan–31 Dec 1971; 1 Jan–31 Dec 1972; 1 Jan–31 Dec 1974; 1 Jan–31 Dec 1975; 1 Jan–31 Dec 1978; 1 Jan–31 Dec 1980; 1 Jul 1982–30 Jun 1983; 1 Oct 1985–31 Dec 1986; 1 Jan 1987–31 Dec 1988.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 21st Operations Group prior to 1 Jan 1953.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater; Air Offensive, Japan.

Decorations. Distinguished Unit Citation: Japan, 7 Apr 1945.

Emblem

Azure, a broad sword Argent, hilt and pommel Or, between four lighting flashes bendwise Gules, two and two, all within a diminished bordure of the third. *Motto:* FORTITUDO ET PREPARATIO — Strength and preparedness. Approved on 23 Jul 1957 (9297 AC).



22d Air Refueling Wing

Established as 22d Bombardment Wing, Medium, on 28 Jul 1948. Activated on 1 Aug 1948. Redesignated: 22d Bombardment Wing, Heavy, on 15 Mar 1963; 22d Air Refueling Wing, Heavy, on 1 Oct 1982; 22d Air Refueling Wing on 1 Sep 1991.

Assignments

Fifteenth Air Force, 1 Aug 1948 (attached to 301st Bombardment Wing, Medium, 1 Aug 1948–9 May 1949; 1st Fighter Wing, 10 May–30 Jun 1949); 12th Air Division, 10 Feb 1951 (attached to 7th Air Division, 5 Sep–4 Dec 1951 and 7 Dec 1953–5 Mar 1954; 3d Air Division, 1 Apr–5 Jul 1957); 47th Air (later, 47th Strategic Aerospace; 47th Air) Division, 1 Jan 1962; 14th Strategic Aerospace Division, 31 Mar 1970; 47th Air Division, 30 Jun 1971; 12th Strategic Missile (later, 12th Air) Division, 1 Aug 1972; 47th Air Division, 1 Oct 1985; 14th Air Division, 23 Jan 1987; Fifteenth Air Force, 1 Jul 1988–.

Components

Wings. 1st Fighter: attached 1 Jul 1949–1 Apr 1950. 330th Bombardment: attached 27 Jun 1949–30 Apr 1951.

Groups. 22d Bombardment (later, 22d Operations): 1 Aug 1948–16 Jun 1952 (detached 1 Aug 1948–30 Jun 1949, 14 Nov 1949–20 Feb 1950, 4 Jul–c. 31 Oct 1950); 1 Sep 1991–. 458th Operations: 1 Jun 1992–1 Jul 1993.

Squadrons. 2d: attached 10 Feb 1951–15 Jun 1952, assigned 16 Jun 1952–15 Mar 1963; assigned 15 Sep 1963–1 Oct 1982. 6th: 3 Jan 1989–1 Sep 1991. 9th: 1 Aug 1982–1 Sep 1991. 19th: attached 10 Feb 1951–15 Jun 1952, assigned 16 Jun 1952–15 Mar 1963. 22d Air Refueling: attached 10 Feb 1951–15 Jun 1952, assigned 16 Jun 1952–15 Jun 1960; assigned 1 Jul 1963–1 Dec 1989. 33d: attached 10 Feb 1951–15 Jun 1952, assigned 16 Jun 1952–15 Mar 1963. 320th Air Refueling: 16 Jun 1960–15 Sep 1962. 352d: attached 20 Sep–c. Nov 1951. 408th: 1 Jan 1959–1 Jan 1962. 486th: 2 Oct 1966–1 Jul 1971. 909th Air Refueling: 25 Jun 1966–1 Jul 1971.

Stations

Smoky Hill AFB, KS, 1 Aug 1948; March AFB, CA, 10 May 1949; McConnell AFB, KS, 1 Jan 1994–.

Commanders

Col Leslie G. Mulzer, 1 Aug 1948; Col Joe W. Kelly, 3 Jan 1949; Col Joseph H. Davidson, 10 May 1949; Col George McCoy, Jr., 14 Jun 1949; Col William L. Lee, 19 Aug 1949; Col Wiley D. Ganey, 4 Jan 1950; Col Howell M. Estes, Jr., 5 Jul 1950; Col Wiley D. Ganey, 10 Nov 1950; Col James V. Edmundsen, 10 Feb 1951; Col John B. Henry, Jr., 14 Mar 1952; Col Ernest C. Eddy, c. 17 Dec 1952; Col Selmon W. Wells, 8 Jan 1953; Col John B. Henry, Jr., c. 16 Mar 1953; Col William F. Coleman, 9 Jul 1954; Col Lloyd

H. Dalton, Jr., (by 20) Oct 1954; Col Pinkham Smith, 11 Feb 1956; Col Leon Stann, 20 Aug 1957; Col Edward W. Scott, Jr., 30 Aug 1957; Col William F. Savoie, 29 Apr 1960; Col George Pfeiffer, Jr., Nov 1961; Col John F. Harvey, 15 Jun 1965; Col Mitchell A. Cobeaga, 3 Jan 1967; Col Robert L. Bennett, c. 10 Mar 1967; Col Edward G. Butler, c. May 1967; Col Mitchell A. Cobeaga, c. 1 Oct 1967; Col Lester E. Gunter, 31 Jul 1968; Col Lawrence W. Steinkraus, 28 Apr 1969; Col Glenn R. Sullivan, 16 Jan 1970; Col Michael Perrone, 31 May 1972; Lt Col Samuel Tyson, 13 Jun 1972; Col Donald A. Jensen, 3 Jul 1972; Col Michael Perrone, 16 Dec 1972; Col Jerome F. O'Malley, 1 Jun 1973; Col Ernest J. Stirman, 25 Sep 1973; Col Guy D. Perham, 1 Apr 1974; Col Harry L. Brown, 28 Feb 1975; Col Stanford E. Brown, 4 Aug 1975; Col Lawrence E. Pennington, 12 Jan 1977; Brig Gen Hansford T. Johnson, 26 Apr 1979; Col Charles C. McDonald, 23 Feb 1981; Col Donald L. Ashley, 26 Jul 1982; Col Terry D. Murphy, 22 May 1984; Col Ronald J. Tribo, 19 Jul 1985; Col James R. Brown, 30 Jan 1987; Col James S. Savarda, 27 Aug 1987; Col Paul F. Gill, 5 Dec 1988; Col William P. Cobb, 29 Mar 1991; Brig Gen Albert D. Jensen, 30 Mar 1992–.

Aircraft

B–29, 1949, 1950, 1950–1953; F–86, 1949–1950; KC–97, 1952–1962; B–47, 1953–1963; B–52, 1963–1966, 1966–1967, 1967–1972, 1973–1982; EC–135, 1963–1970; KC–135, 1963–1967, 1967–1972, 1972–1989; KC–10, 1982–.

Operations

From 1 Aug 1948 to 9 May 1949, while based at Smoky Hill AFB, KS, shared a commander in common with the 301st Bombardment Wing. The 22d Wing's headquarters was at the time non-operational and its components detached. From 10 May 1949 to 16 Feb 1950, after moving to March AFB, CA, shared a commander in common with the 1st Fighter Wing. Until 30 Jun 1949, the 22d Wing was non-operational, attached to the 1st Wing, but on 1 Jul 1949 the 22d was made operational and assumed host status, with the 1st Wing attached to it for control until 1 Apr 1950. The 22d Bombardment Group was detached from 14 Nov 1949 to 20 Feb 1950, during which time the wing controlled only the attached fighters of the 1st Wing. The bomb group was detached again for combat in Korea, 4 Jul–c. 31 Oct 1950, and during this period the wing controlled no aircraft. When operational, the wing trained to maintain proficiency in global strategic bombardment, adding air refueling to its mission in 1952. The wing deployed at Mildenhall RAF Station, England, Sep–Dec 1951, and at Upper Heyford RAF Station,

England, Dec 1953–Mar 1954. From Apr to Jul 1957, it deployed at Andersen AFB, Guam. The wing was not tactically operational 11 Mar–15 Sep 1963, while converting to B–52 bombers and KC–135 tankers. Supported Fifteenth Air Force’s post-attack command and control system with EC–135s, Sep 1964–Mar 1970. The 22d was a “super” wing, 1966–1971, with two bombardment and two tanker squadrons. From 10 Mar to c. 1 Oct 1967 the wing was reduced to a small “rear-echelon” non-tactical organization with all tactical resources and most support resources loaned to SAC organizations involved in combat operations in Southeast Asia. The wing continued to support SAC operations in the Far East and Southeast Asia through 1975, and from 10 Apr 1972 to 29 Oct 1973 again had all of its bomber resources loaned to other organizations for combat and contingency operations. KC–135 resources were also on loan from 10 Apr to Sep 1972; afterwards a few tankers returned to wing control. The wing maintained a strategic bombardment alert posture, 1973–1982, and in 1978 it assumed additional conventional warfare missions, including mine-laying and sea reconnaissance/surveillance. Lost bombardment mission in 1982 and equipped with KC–135 and KC–10 aircraft. Thereafter, provided strategic air refueling and airlift in support of worldwide USAF and other DOD operations and training exercises. Moved personnel and cargo in support of Chadian resistance to Libyan incursions in 1983 and conducted airlift and refueling missions during rescue of US nationals in Grenada, 1983. Provided specialized refueling support to SR–71 aircraft reconnaissance operations worldwide, c. 1985–1990, and to the F–117 stealth aircraft program, c. 1987–. Supported F–117 deployments to Saudi Arabia and contributed aircraft and personnel to logistics efforts in support of the liberation of Kuwait, 1990–1991. At the end of 1992, the 22d began flying humanitarian airlift missions to Somalia.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Grenada, 1983.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Apr–1 Oct 1967 and 1 Feb–1 Mar 1968; 25 Mar–1 May 1968; 1 Jul 1969–30 Jun 1970; 1 Sep 1970–30 Jun 1972; 1 Jul 1978–30 Jun 1980; 1 Jul 1981–30 Jun 1983; 1 Jul 1987–30 Jun 1989; 1 Jul 1989–30 Jun 1991.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 22d Operations Group prior to 1 Aug 1948.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater; East Indies; Papua; Bismarck Archipelago; New Guinea; Leyte; Luzon; Southern Philippines; Western Pacific; Air Offensive, Japan; China Defensive; China Offensive; Air Combat, Asiatic-Pacific Theater.

Decorations. Distinguished Unit Citations: Papua, 23 Jul 1942–23 Jan 1943; New Guinea, 5 Nov 1943. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation.

Emblem

Azure, a cougar’s paw affronte’ erased Or armed Gules, all within a diminished bordure of the second. *Motto:* DUCEMUS — We lead. Approved for 22d Group on 19 Jun 1941 and for 22d Wing on 28 Jun 1951 (K–2651).



23d Wing

Established as 23d Fighter Wing on 10 Aug 1948. Activated on 16 Aug 1948. Inactivated on 24 Sep 1949. Redesignated 23d Fighter-Interceptor Wing on 19 Dec 1950. Activated on 12 Jan 1951. Inactivated on 6 Feb 1952. Redesignated 23d Tactical Fighter Wing, and activated, on 28 Jan 1964. Organized on 8 Feb 1964. Redesignated 23d Fighter Wing on 1 Oct 1991. Inactivated on 1 Jun 1992. Redesignated 23d Wing, and activated, on 1 Jun 1992.

Assignments

Twentieth Air Force, 16 Aug 1948; Caribbean Air Command, 25 Apr–24 Sep 1949. Eastern Air Defense Force, 12 Jan 1951–6 Feb 1952. Tactical Air Command, 28 Jan 1964; Twelfth Air Force, 8 Feb 1964; 835th Air Division, 1 Jul 1964; Twelfth Air Force, 30 Jun 1971; Ninth Air Force, 1 Jul 1972–1 Jun 1992. Ninth Air Force, 1 Jun 1992–.

Components

Groups. 18th Air Support: 12 Jun 1992–1 Feb 1994. 23d Fighter (later, 23d Fighter-Interceptor; 23d Operations): 16 Aug 1948–24 Sep 1949; 12 Jan 1951–6 Feb 1952; 1 Jun 1992–.

Squadrons. 6th Special Operations Training: 1 Jan–15 Sep 1974. 74th Tactical Fighter (later, 74th Fighter): 1 Jul 1972–15 Feb 1992 (detached 2 Jul–28 Dec 1973; 29 Aug 1990–20 Apr 1991). 75th Tactical Fighter (later, 75th Fighter) 1 Jul 1972–2 Dec 1991; 1 Apr 1992–1 Jun 1992. 76th Tactical Fighter (later, 76th Fighter): 1 Oct 1972–29 May 1992 (detached 27 Aug 1990–c. Apr 1991). 132d Fighter-Interceptor: attached 21 Jul 1951–6 Feb 1952. 134th Fighter-Interceptor: attached 1 Apr 1951–6 Feb 1952. 333d Tactical Fighter: 15 Oct 1970–22 Mar 1971. 357th Tactical Fighter: attached c. 8 Nov 1965–28 Jan 1966; assigned 15–22 Mar 1971. 419th Tactical Fighter Training: 15 Oct 1969–1 Oct 1971. 421st Tactical Fighter: 8 Dec 1957–16 Apr 1959. 560th Tactical Fighter: 8 Feb 1964–25 Sep 1968. 561st Tactical Fighter: 8 Feb 1964–1 Jul 1972 (detached 6 Mar–10 Jul 1965 and 9 Apr–30 Jun 1972). 562d Tactical Fighter: 8 Feb 1964–1 Jul 1972 (detached 13 Aug–6 Dec 1965). 563d Tactical Fighter: 8 Feb 1964–1 Jul 1972 (detached 8 Apr–15 Aug 1965). 4519th Combat Crew Training: 1 Aug 1967–16 Oct 1969.

Stations

Northwest Guam AFB, Guam, 16 Aug 1948–3 Apr 1949; Howard AFB, CZ, 25 Apr–24 Sep 1949. Presque Isle AFB, ME, 12 Jan 1951–6 Feb 1952. McConnell AFB, KS, 8 Feb 1964; England AFB, LA, 1 Jul 1972–1 Jun 1992. Pope AFB, NC, 1 Jun 1992–.

Commanders

Col Romulus W. Puryear, 16 Aug 1948; Col John T. Shields, 22 Sep 1948; Col Angier H. Foster, 25 Apr 1949; Col Louis R. Hughes, Jr., c. 28 Apr–24 Sep 1949. Col Charles H. MacDonald, 12 Jan 1951–6 Feb 1952. None (not manned), 28 Jan–7 Feb 1964; Col Olin E. Gilbert, 8 Feb 1964; Col

Edmund B. Edwards, 17 Aug 1964; Col Deward E. Bower, 12 Jul 1965; Col Max T. Beall, 9 Oct 1967; Col James V. Hartinger, 28 Aug 1968; Col Walter D. Druen, Jr., 15 Jun 1970; Col Garry A. Willard, Jr., 21 Oct 1971; Col Harry W. Schurr, 28 Apr 1972; Col Louis W. Weber, 1 Jul 1972; Col Waymond C. Nutt, 20 Nov 1973; Col Charles W. McClarren, 28 Jun 1975; Col Bernard J. Bogoslofski, 12 Dec 1975; Col Paul L. Wieland, 1 Jan 1977; Col Jerry W. Osgood, 1 Jun 1979; Col Michael J. Dugan, 29 May 1980; Col Jimmie V. Adams, 30 Mar 1981; Col Peter K. Foley, 15 Apr 1983; Col James L. Jamerson, 31 May 1985; Col Glenn A. Profitt II, 20 Feb 1987; Col John L. Welde, 10 Jan 1989; Col David A. Sawyer, 2 Apr 1990; Col Richard C. Lemon, 27 Aug 1990; Col David A. Sawyer, c. 22 Apr 1991–1 Jun 1992. Brig Gen Bobby O. Floyd, 1 Jun 1992–.

Aircraft

F–47, 1948–1949; RF–80, 1949. F–86, 1951–1952; F–51, 1951–1952; F–80, 1951–1952. F–105, 1964–1972; AT–33, 1966–1969; T–39, 1966–1972; A–7, 1972–1981; A–37, 1974; A–10, 1980–1992. A/OA–10 1992–; C–130, 1992–.

Operations

Air defense of Guam, 1948–1949, and of the Canal Zone, 1949. Air defense of the northeastern United States, 1951–1952. Conducted basic training for about 500 Air Force recruits, 1951. Replaced 388th Tactical Fighter Wing in Feb 1964. Maintained proficiency in tactical fighter operations, frequently deploying whole units or segments thereof to support contingency and combat operations in overseas areas, 1964–1965. Conducted F–105 replacement training, Jan 1966–Nov 1970, and training for ANG units, Nov 1970–Apr 1971. Maintained proficiency in tactical fighter operations, 1970–1972. Replaced 4403d Tactical Fighter Wing at England AFB, LA, in Jul 1972 and switched to A–7 aircraft operations. Also controlled an A–37B special operations training squadron in 1974. Converted to the A–10 Thunderbolt in 1980. Trained in close air support, joint anti-armor operations and battle field air interdiction. Deployed elements in support of operations in Grenada, Oct–Nov 1983. Deployed two squadrons (74th and 76th) to Southwest Asia, Aug 1990–Apr 1991, where they performed close air support and joint anti-armor operations. On 1 Jun 1992, the wing inactivated at England AFB and activated at Pope AFB, SC, replacing the 317th Airlift Wing. As a composite wing continued A–10 Thunderbolt training while adding an OA–10 reconnaissance mission and a C–130 airlift mission. Supported numerous humanitarian missions, Dec 1992–.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Grenada, 1983.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jun 1970–15 Jun 1971; 1 Jul 1980–30 Jun 1981; 1 Jul 1981–30 Jun 1983; 1 Apr 1989–31 Mar 1991.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 23d Operations Group prior to 16 Aug 1948.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. World War II: India-Burma; China Defensive; Western Pacific; China Offensive.

Decorations. Distinguished Unit Citation; Hunan Province, China, 17–25 Jun 1944.

Emblem

Azure a lightning flash palewise Or surmounted by a tiger salient to base proper, langued Gules winged Argent, all within a diminished bordure of the second. Approved for 23d Group on 24 Jan 1957 and used by 23d Wing since Jan 1964 (KE 17354). *Motto:* FLYING TIGERS. Approved on 10 Dec 1992.



24th Wing

Established as 24th Composite Wing (Special) on 19 Nov 1942. Activated on 25 Dec 1942. Disestablished on 15 Jun 1944. Reestablished as 24th Composite Wing on 5 Aug 1946. Activated on 25 Aug 1946. Inactivated on 28 Jul 1948. Activated on 30 Oct 1967. Organized on 8 Nov 1967. Redesignated: 24th Air Commando Wing on 15 Mar 1968; 24th Special Operations Wing on 15 Jul 1968; 24th Special Operations Group on 30 Jun 1972; 24th Composite Group on 15 Nov 1973; 24th Composite Wing on 1 Jan 1976. Inactivated on 31 Jan 1987. Activated on 1 Jan 1989. Inactivated on 15 Feb 1991. Redesignated 24th Wing on 1 Feb 1992. Activated on 11 Feb 1992.

Assignments

Iceland Base Command, US Army Forces, Iceland, 25 Dec 1942–15 Jun 1944. Caribbean Air Command, 25 Aug 1946–28 Jul 1948. United States Air Forces Southern Command, 30 Oct 1967; United States Air Force Southern Air Division, 1 Jan 1976–31 Jan 1987. 830th Air Division, 1 Jan 1989–15 Feb 1991. Twelfth Air Force, 11 Feb 1992–.

Components

Groups. 24th Operations: 11 Feb 1992–. 130th Special Operations: attached 30 Jan–27 Feb 1971; attached 5–14 Feb 1973. 134th Anti-Aircraft Artillery: attached 1 Nov 1943–15 Jun 1944. 143d Air Commando: attached 8 Feb–9 Mar 1969. 342d Composite: 25 Dec 1942–18 Mar 1944.

Squadrons. 24th Air Transport: 15 Mar 1968–30 Jun 1971. 24th Special Operations (later, 24th Composite; 24th Tactical Air Support): 18 Mar 1969–1 Jul 1975; 1 Jan 1976–31 Jan 1987; 1 Jan 1989–15 Feb 1991. 33d Fighter: 18 Mar–15 Jun 1944. 91st Reconnaissance: 12 Jan–26 Jul 1948. 330th Transport: 25 Aug–15 Oct 1946. 605th Air Commando (later, 605th Special Operations): 8 Nov 1967–30 Apr 1972.

Detachments. Det A, Fighter Command (IBC, US Army Forces, Iceland): attached 12 Feb–15 Jun 1944. Det, 314th Troop Carrier Group: attached 1 Oct 1946–26 Jul 1948. TAC A–7 Rotational Element (various detachments): attached 13 Nov 1972–30 Sep 1978. ANG A–7 Rotational Element (various detachments): attached 1 Oct 1978–31 Jan 1987. ANG A–10 Rotational Element (various detachments): attached Feb–Apr 1985. TAC C–130 Rotational Element (various detachments): attached 8 Nov 1967–30 Nov 1974. MAC C–130 Rotational Element (various detachments): attached 1 Dec 1974–30 Sep 1977. AFRES and ANG C–130 Rotational Element (various detachments): attached 1 Oct 1977–c. 1 Dec 1984.

Stations

Camp Olympia, Reykjavik, Iceland, 25 Dec 1942; Camp Tripoli, Reykjavik, Iceland, 13 Mar–15 Jun 1944. Borinquen Field (later, Borinquen AAFld; Borinquen Field: Ramey AFB), Puerto Rico, 25 Aug 1946–28 Jul 1948. Albrook AFB, Canal Zone, 8 Nov 1967; Howard AFB, Canal Zone (later, Panama), 3 Jan 1968–31 Jan 1987. Howard AFB, Panama, 1 Jan 1989–15 Feb 1991. Howard AFB, Panama, 11 Feb 1992–.

Commanders

Brig Gen George P. Tourtellot, 25 Dec 1942; Brig Gen Early E. W. Duncan, 5–15 Jun 1944. Col George H. Steel, 25 Aug 1946; Brig Gen John A. Samford, c. 6 Mar 1947–28 Jul 1948. None (not manned), 30 Oct–7 Nov 1967; Col Richard Jones, 8 Nov 1967; Col James G. Silliman, 13 Dec 1967; Col Joseph A. Stuart, Jr., 14 Jun 1968; Col Leslie E. Gaskins, 1 Jun 1971; Col Robert S. Beale, 30 Mar 1974; Col William E. Roth, 15 Aug 1975; Col Paul M. Davis, 1 Jan 1976; Col Alton J. Thogersen, 16 Jan 1976; Col Robert E. Patterson, 5 Jan 1979; Col Robert R. Reed, 10 Jun 1980; Col Wayne R. Topp, 5 Oct 1982; Col Loren E. Timm, 2 Jul 1984; Col Harold E. Watson, 3 Dec 1985–31 Jan 1987. Unkn, 1–16 Jan 1989; Col Lansford E. Trapp, Jr., 17 Jan 1989; Col David J. McCloud, 25 Jun 1990–15 Feb 1991. Brig Gen David Oakes, 11 Feb 1992; Brig Gen David A. Sawyer, 13 Jul 1992–.

Aircraft

P–38, 1942–1944; P–39, 1942–1943; P–40, 1943–1944; P–47, 1944. B–17, 1946–1947; B–17/F–9, 1948; C–47, 1946–1948; C–54, 1947–1948; F–2, 1948. A–26, 1967–1968; C–46, 1967–1968; C–47, 1967–1970; VC–47, 1967–c. 1970; C–54, 1967–c. 1972; C–118, 1967–1971; VC–118, 1967–unkn; C–130, 1967–1984; C–131, 1967–1968; CH–3, 1967–1970; HH–19, 1967–1969; T–28, 1967–1970; VT–29, 1967–1970; U–10, 1967–1971; UH–1, 1967–1983; A–37, 1969–1972; HU–16, 1969; C–123, 1970–1973; UC–123, 1970–1975; VC–123, 1970–1973; C–119, 1971, 1973; O–2, 1971–1986; A–7, 1972–1985, 1985–1987; A–10, 1985; OA–37, 1985–1987. OA–37, 1989–1991. C–21, 1992–; CT–43, 1992–; C–27, 1992–; C–130, 1992–.

Operations

Served in the defense of Iceland, Dec 1942–Jun 1944. From Aug 1946 until replaced by the Antilles Air Division in Jul 1948, supervised large numbers of major and minor bases and Air Force units in the Caribbean area from Puerto Rico to British Guiana. Organized once more in Nov 1967 in the Canal Zone, replacing the 5700th Air Base Wing. The wing assumed operation and maintenance responsibilities for Howard and Albrook Air Force Bases and a special operations mission that included air transport, paramilitary operations, exercise participation, civic actions in Central and South America, search and rescue missions, humanitarian operations, mercy missions, aeromedical evacuation, and support of Army Special Forces, US military assistance units, and training of Latin American air forces. From

activation in 1967 until mid-1972, the 24th Wing operated the USAF Tropic Survival School at Albrook. It controlled various rotational detachments, 1967–1987. Lost UH–1 helicopters and control of search and rescue missions in the area after 1 Mar 1983. Wing inactivated on 31 Jan 1987, its subordinate components reassigned directly to the USAF Southern Air Division. Wing activated on 1 Jan 1989, again assuming responsibilities for Howard AFB and Albrook AFS. The wing flew combat sorties in the invasion of Panama, Dec 1989–Jan 1990. Trained foreign and domestic pilots in forward air control. Flew search and rescue, aeromedical airlift and disaster relief missions in the Latin American region, 1989–1990. Members of the wing deployed to Southwest Asia to provide air liaison support between ground forces and air operations, 1 Oct 1990–c. Feb 1991. When the 24th Composite Wing inactivated in 1991, its assets were placed under Air Forces in Panama. On 11 Feb 1992 the wing activated, becoming the senior USAF organization in Panama, replacing the previous command and division-level Air Force host units. In Jun 1992, it began operating the only C–21, CT–43, C–27 and special mission C–130s in ACC. Provided control and support to multi-service units directed by United States Southern Command and United States Southern Air Force, 1992–. Missions included counternarcotics operations, aerial command and control, intratheater airlift, security assistance and defense of the Panama Canal. The wing operates both Howard AFB and Albrook Air Force Station.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Combat, European-African-Middle-Eastern Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Panama, 1989–1990.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 2 Jun–3 Jul 1970; 16 Mar 1971–15 Mar 1973; 1 Jul 1976–30 Jun 1978; 1 Apr 1982–31 Mar 1984; 1 May 1984–31 Mar 1986; 20 Dec 1989–14 Feb 1991.

Emblem

Azure, a stylized square-rigged ship of three mast sails set, flag and pennants floutant sailing to sinister above an arced olive branch to dexter and an arced lightning flash to sinister conjoined in base Or, all within a diminished

bordure of the like. *Motto*: LOS PROFESIONALES — The professionals. Approved on 16 Aug 1994; replaced emblem approved in 1968 (KE 35833).



27th Fighter Wing

Established as 27th Fighter Wing on 28 Jul 1947. Organized on 15 Aug 1947.
Redesignated: 27th Fighter-Escort Wing on 1 Feb 1950; 27th Strategic Fighter Wing on 20 Jan 1953; 27th Fighter-Bomber Wing on 1 Jul 1957; 27th Tactical Fighter Wing on 1 Jul 1958; 27th Fighter Wing on 1 Oct 1991.

Assignments

Eighth Air Force, 15 Aug 1947 (attached to Far East Air Forces, 19 Nov–29 Nov 1950; Fifth Air Force, 30 Nov 1950–15 Jul 1951); 42d Air Division, 6 Aug 1951 (attached to Far East Air Forces, 6–13 Oct 1952; 39th Air Division [Defense], 13 Oct 1952–c. 13 Feb 1953; 7th Air Division, 7 May–17 Aug 1955); Twelfth Air Force, 8 Jan 1958 (attached to 834th Air Division, 15 Jul 1958–18 Feb 1959); 832d Air Division, 18 Feb 1959 (attached to 3d Air Division [Provisional]), 21 Oct–1 Dec 1962); Twelfth Air Force, 1 Jul 1975; Eighth Air Force, 1 Jun 1992–.

Components

Wing. 136th Fighter-Bomber: attached 20 May–30 Jun 1951.

Group. 27th Fighter (later, 27th Fighter-Escort; 27th Operations): 15 Aug 1947–16 Jun 1952; 1 Nov 1991–.

Squadrons. 27th Air Refueling: 25 Oct 1953–1 Jul 1957 (detached 7 May–17 Aug 1955). 307th Air Refueling: attached 6 Jun–25 Oct 1953. 428th Tactical Fighter Training: 2 Apr 1990–1 Nov 1991. 429th: attached 15 May 1967–15 May 1968. 465th Tactical Fighter Training: 1 Dec 1972–1 Aug 1973. 481st Fighter-Bomber (later, 481st Tactical Fighter; 481st Tactical Fighter Training): 25 Sep 1957–31 Aug 1973 (detached 1–25 Jun 1959, 9 Jun–11 Oct 1961, 24 Apr–20 May 1963, 19 Nov 1963–1 Feb 1964, 9–c. 20 Apr 1964, 2 Sep–4 Dec 1964, and 15 Jun–30 Nov 1965); 15 Jan 1976–8 Jul 1990. 522d: attached 6 Aug 1951–15 Jun 1952, assigned 16 Jun 1952–1 Nov 1991 (detached 6 Sep–18 Dec 1958, 18 Oct 1959–22 Feb 1960, 13 Feb–c. 7 Mar 1961, 5 Feb–15 Jun 1962, 12 Dec 1962–c. 15 Feb 1963, 16 Mar–6 May 1964, 8 Aug–15 Nov 1964, and 15 Aug–25 Nov 1965). 523d: attached 6 Aug 1951–15 Jun 1952, assigned 16 Jun 1952–20 Nov 1965 (detached c. 24 Feb–17 Jun 1960, c. 5 Sep–20 Nov 1961, c. 12 Oct 1962–c. 15 Jan 1963, c. 17 Sep–20 Nov 1963, 12 Jun–4 Sep 1964, and 22 Mar–30 Jun 1965); 31 Aug 1973–1 Nov 1991. 524th: attached 6 Aug 1951–15 Jun 1952, assigned 16 Jun 1952–1 Nov 1991 (detached 17 Jun–8 Jul 1959, 10 Feb–16 Jun 1961, 30 Oct–14 Nov 1961, 9 Jun–c. 27 Jun 1963, 21 Jan–19 Mar 1964, and 1 Dec 1964–28 Mar 1965). 4427th Tactical Fighter Replacement: 1 Oct 1971–15 Jan 1976. 4429th Combat Crew Training: 20 Dec 1968–1 Dec 1972.

Detachment. Det 1, HQ 27th TFW: 15 Jul 1963–4 May 1964.

Stations

Kearney AAFld (later, AFB), NE, 15 Aug 1947; Bergstrom AFB, TX, 16 Mar 1949; Cannon AFB, NM, 18 Feb 1959–.

Commanders

Col Gwen G. Atkinson, 15 Aug 1947; Col Ashley B. Packard, 7 Jan 1948; Col Raymond F. Rudell, 1 May 1951; Col Donald J. M. Blakeslee, 6 Jul 1952; Col Richard N. Ellis, 2 Aug 1954; Col Charles M. Walton, Jr., Jul 1957; Brig Gen Ivan W. McElroy, 8 Jan 1958; Col John L. Gregory, Jr., 15 Jul 1958–c. 28 Jan 1959; unkn, c. 28 Jan–17 Feb 1959; Col Gilbert L. Meyers, 18 Feb 1959; Col Arlie J. Blood, 10 May 1959; Col Gilbert L. Meyers, 4 Aug 1959; Col Thomas A. Robertson, 22 Aug 1959; Col Arvis L. Hilpert, 12 Oct 1959; Col Jack C. Berger, 17 Jul 1961; Col Charles E. Simpson, 15 Jul 1963; Col Dale S. Sweat, 15 Aug 1963; Col Robert A. Tyler, 31 Dec 1965; Col Herndon F. Williams, 25 May 1967; Col Homer K. Hansen, 24 Jul 1967; Col William L. Ford, 1 Apr 1968; Col Jimmy J. Jumper, 16 Apr 1968; Col Frank C. Buzze, 15 Jul 1968; Col Charles E. Francis, 12 May 1970; Col Richard E. Little, 28 Jan 1972; Col John H. Bennett, 25 May 1973; Col Cecil D. Crabb, 18 Jul 1975; Col Thomas J. Hickey, 6 Aug 1976; Brig Gen Joseph D. Moore, 18 Nov 1977; Col Robert I. McCann, 7 May 1979; Col William K. James, 5 Aug 1980; Col Joseph K. Stapleton, 3 Sep 1982; Col James E. Salminen, 11 May 1984; Col Needham B. Jones, 7 Sep 1984; Col Henry R. Becker, 29 Sep 1986; Col Donald L. Peterson, 5 Jul 1988; Col Arnold L. Franklin, 14 Sep 1990; Brig Gen Richard N. Goddard, 30 Jun 1992–.

Aircraft

P (later, F)–51, 1947–1949; F–82, 1948–1950; F–84, 1950–1951, 1951–1958; KB–29, 1953–1955, 1955–1957; F–101, 1957–1958; F–100, 1959–1972; T/AT–33, 1968–1973; F–111, 1969–1970, 1970–; EF–111, 1992–.

Operations

Fighter escort operations to meet SAC commitments, 1947–1950. Won the Mackay Trophy for successful deployment of 90 F–84Es from Bergstrom AFB, TX, to Furstenfeldbruck AB, Germany, in Sep 1950, via Labrador, Greenland, Iceland, and England. This was the first long-range mass flight of jet aircraft in aviation history. Deployed at Yokota AB, Japan, 19–30 Nov 1950, then split into two echelons. The advance echelon deployed at Taegu AB, South Korea, 1 Dec 1950–30 Jan 1951, while the rear echelon deployed

at Itazuke AB, Japan, 9 Dec 1950–31 Jan 1951. Flew combat in Korea, 6 Dec 1950–30 Jun 1951, including armed reconnaissance, interdiction, fighter escort, and close air support missions. The two echelons of the wing combined at Itazuke on 1 Feb 1951, continuing combat from that base. Returned to the United States in Jul 1951 but deployed to provide air defense at Misawa AB, Japan, 6 Oct 1952–13 Feb 1953. Added air refueling as a mission, Jun 1953–May 1955 and Aug 1955–Jun 1957. Wing pilot Capt Forrest W. Wilson, won the Allison Trophy jet aircraft race of the National Aircraft Show at Dayton, OH, on 6 Sep 1953, flying the 110.3-mile course in an F–84G, at an average speed of 537.802 mph in 12:17.2 minutes. Deployed at Sturgate RAF Station, England, 7 May–17 Aug 1955. Converted to F–101s in 1957 after joining the Tactical Air Command. Maj Adrian E. Drew, wing F–101 project officer, broke the world speed record on 12 Dec 1957, when he flew an F–101A over a Mojave Desert course at 1,212.8 mph in one direction and 1,207.5 mph in the opposite direction. Converted to F–100s in late 1958 and early 1959. Deployed at England AFB, LA, 29 Mar–5 May 1961, and at MacDill AFB, FL, 21 Oct–1 Dec 1962, the latter deployment during the Cuban missile crisis. Conducted F–100 pilot and mechanic replacement training, Jan 1966–Jun 1969. Deployed at Holloman AFB, NM, 13 Apr–12 May 1966. Conducted T/AT–33 forward air controller/air liaison officer training, Dec 1968–Jul 1973, phasing out F–100s in mid-1972, and phasing in F–111s beginning Oct 1969. Continued F–111 operations to 4 Aug 1970, and resumed F–111 operations again on 28 Oct 1970. From Oct 1971 conducted F–111 aircrew replacement training; performed numerous small-scale deployments overseas and throughout CONUS to meet operational requirements; participated in joint training exercises with US Army forces. Provided support personnel and equipment for UN operations in Southwest Asia to liberate Kuwait. Deployed squadron elements on a rotational basis to Incirlik AB, Turkey, to patrol no-fly zone over Northern Iraq in operations to provide humanitarian relief to the Kurds. Gained a squadron of EF–111A aircraft in May 1992 and added an electronic warfare mission.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

Korea: CCF Intervention; First UN Counteroffensive; CCF Spring Offensive.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jan 1981–30 Jun 1982; 1 Jan 1988–31 Dec 1989. Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation: 9 Nov 1950–31 May 1951.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 27th Operations Group prior to 15 Aug 1947.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. World War II: Philippine Islands; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Anzio; Rome-Arno; Northern France; Southern France; North Apennines; Rhineland; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Decorations. Distinguished Unit Citations: Philippine Islands, 7 Dec 1941–[Apr] 1942; Philippine Islands, 8–22 Dec 1941; Philippine Islands, 6 Jan–8 Mar 1942; Italy, 10 Sep 1943; France, 4 Sep 1944. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation.

Emblem

Per bend Azure and Or, in sinister chief a dexter hand clenched couped at the wrist; in dexter base a magnolia blossom, leaved all Argent fimbriated and garnished Sable, all within a diminished bordure of the second. *Motto:* INTELLIGENT STRENGTH. Approved for 27th Group on 12 Sep 1940; and for 27th Wing on 11 Jul 1952 (K&KE 17354).



28th Bomb Wing

Established as 28th Bombardment Wing, Very Heavy, on 28 Jul 1947. Organized on 15 Aug 1947. Redesignated: 28th Bombardment Wing, Medium, on 12 Jul 1948; 28th Bombardment Wing, Heavy, on 16 May 1949; 28th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing on 1 Apr 1950; 28th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, Heavy, on 16 Jul 1950; 28th Bombardment Wing, Heavy, on 1 Oct 1955; 28th Wing on 1 Sep 1991; 28th Bomb Wing on 1 Jun 1992.

Assignments

Fifteenth Air Force, 15 Aug 1947; Eighth Air Force, 1 Apr 1950; Fifteenth Air Force, 1 Apr 1955 (attached to 3d Air Division, 14 Apr–24 Jul 1955); 821st Air (later, 821st Strategic Aerospace) Division, 1 Jan 1959; 47th Air Division, 30 Jun 1971; 4th Strategic Missile (later, 4th Air) Division, 15 Jan 1973; 57th Air Division, 1 May 1982; 4th Air Division, 23 Jan 1987; 12th Air Division, 15 Jul 1988; Strategic Warfare Center, 31 Jul 1990; Eighth Air Force, 1 Sep 1991–.

Components

Group. 28th Bombardment (later, 28th Strategic Reconnaissance; 28th Operations): 15 Aug 1947–16 Jun 1952 (detached 19 Jul–18 Oct 1948); 1 Sep 1991–.

Squadrons. 4th Airborne Command and Control: 1 Apr 1970–1 Sep 1991. 28th Air Refueling: 1 Oct 1960–1 Sep 1991 (detached c. 9 Mar–c. 21 Sep 1966, c. 15 Jan–c. 19 Jul 1968, c. 19 Aug 1969–c. 23 Mar 1970). 37th: 1 Jul 1977–1 Oct 1982; 1 Jan 1987–1 Sep 1991. 77th: attached 10 Feb 1951–15 Jun 1952, assigned 16 Jun 1952–1 Sep 1991 (detached c. 9 Mar–c. 21 Sep 1966, c. 15 Jan–c. 19 Jul 1968, c. 19 Aug 1969–c. 23 Mar 1970). 97th Air Refueling: 1 Jul 1962–15 Mar 1964. 717th: attached 10 Feb 1951–15 Jun 1952, assigned 16 Jun 1952–1 Feb 1960. 718th: attached 10 Feb 1951–15 Jun 1952, assigned 16 Jun 1952–20 Feb 1960. 850th Strategic Missile: 1 Dec 1960–1 Jan 1962. 928th Air Refueling: 1 Feb 1959–1 Oct 1960.

Stations

Rapid City AAFld (later, Rapid City AFB; Ellsworth AFB), SD, 15 Aug 1947–

Commanders

Col Thomas J. Gent, Jr., 15 Aug 1947; Col Raymond L. Curtice, 17 Sep 1947; Lt Col Everett W. Holstrom, 28 Sep 1947; Col Raymond L. Curtice, 9 Oct 1947; Col Thomas J. Gent, Jr., 15 Oct 1947; Col William W. Jones, c. 10 Jul 1948; Col Albert T. Wilson, Jr., 19 Aug 1948; Brig Gen Richard E. Ellsworth, 15 Nov 1950; Col Howard W. Moore, 18 Mar 1953; Col Ariel W. Nielsen, 30 Apr 1953; Col Neil D. Van Sickle, 15 Jun 1955; Col Loran D. Briggs, 20 Apr 1957; Col Francis W. Nye, 6 Jul 1959; Col Allen B. Rowlett, Jun 1962; Col Leo C. Lewis, c. 1 Jul 1962; Col Albert H. Schneider, 10 Jul 1965; Col Edgar S. Harris, Jr., 27 Dec 1966; Col Albert H. Schneider, 4 May 1967; Col Edgar S. Harris, Jr., 2 Jun 1967; Col James Wagner, 24 Jul 1968;

Col Richard L. Lawson, 1 Feb 1970; Col Junior B. Reed, 18 Jun 1971; Col Harold B. Coffee, 30 May 1973; Col James E. Light, Jr., 8 Apr 1974; Col Harold J. M. Williams, 21 Apr 1976; Brig Gen Clinton H. Winne, Jr., 11 May 1976; Col Clarence R. Autery, 24 Apr 1978; Col Alan B. Renshaw, 5 Mar 1979; Col Wayne W. Lambert, 18 Aug 1980; Col Robert F. Durkin, 26 Oct 1981; Col Carl B. Kreuger, 20 May 1983; Col Steve W. Nielson, 28 Aug 1984; Col Harold B. Adams, 21 Mar 1986; Col Thomas A. Twomey, 15 Apr 1988; Col Charles R. Henderson, 4 Apr 1990; Col Edgar A. Ott, 25 Nov 1991 (acting); Brig Gen Joseph C. Wilson, Jr., 22 Jan 1992–.

Aircraft

B–29, 1947–1950; B–36, 1949–1950; RB–29, 1950; RB–36, 1950–1957; B–52, 1957–1966, 1966–1968, 1968–1969, 1970–1986; KC–135, 1959–1966, 1966–1968, 1968–1969, 1970–1992; KC–97, 1962–1964; EC–135, 1965–1992; B–1, 1987–.

Operations

Maintained proficiency in heavy bombardment, 1947–1948. Maintained proficiency in global bombardment, deploying tactical components or segments thereof as needed, 1948–1950. Performed global strategic reconnaissance, 1950–1955, with bombardment as a secondary mission, 1954–1955. Trained primarily as a bombardment wing from 1955, but retained a reconnaissance capability to Sep 1956. Deployed at Andersen AFB, Guam, Apr–Jul 1955. Added aerial refueling to mission in 1959 and began operating post-attack command and control system for Fifteenth Air Force in Jan 1965, maintaining this capability through a rear echelon during the absences of the remainder of the wing. Controlled a non-equipped Titan missile squadron, Dec 1960–Dec 1961. Except for a small rear echelon left at Ellsworth AFB, SD, the wing's headquarters staff, tactical aircraft and crews, and most support personnel were integrated into ARC LIGHT forces for combat in Southeast Asia, c. 9 Mar–c. 21 Sep 1966, c. 15 Jan–c. 19 Jul 1968, and c. 9 Sep 1969–c. 18 Mar 1970. From Apr 1972 to Oct 1973 the wing also had most of its tactical aircraft and crews on loan to SAC organizations involved in combat operations, and the wing continued supporting Pacific forces with planes and crews into 1975. Converted from B–52G to B–52H models in 1977. Performed airborne launch control functions for USAF Minuteman missile wings with EC–135 aircraft and provided logistic support to the 44th Missile Wing. Expanded B–52H mission in 1984 to include sea reconnaissance, surveillance, and conventional operations from forward bases overseas. Upgraded tanker force to KC–135R in 1985–1986 and

replaced B-52H with B-1B bomber in 1987. In 1989, won the Fairchild Trophy for excellence in bombing and navigation and the Omaha Trophy, presented to the outstanding wing in SAC. Provided tanker support for restoration of democracy in Panama (Dec 1989–Jan 1990), and deployed tanker and airborne command post aircraft to Southwest Asia (Aug 1990–Mar 1991). Lost air refueling mission in Jun 1992 and airborne command post mission in Sep 1992.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Sep 1957–30 Jun 1958; 1 Jan–31 Dec 1966; 1 Jan–1 Mar 1968; 2 Mar–1 Jul 1968; 9 Jun–10 Jul 1972; 1 Jul 1976–30 Jun 1978; 1 Jul 1978–30 Jun 1980; 1 Jul 1981–30 Jun 1983; 1 Jul 1988–30 Jun 1990.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 28th Operations Group prior to 15 Aug 1947.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. World War II: Air Offensive, Japan; Aleutian Islands.

Decorations. Distinguished Unit Citation: Kuril Islands, 1 Apr 1944–13 Aug 1945.

Emblem

Per pale nebuly Or and Azure, a diminished bordure of the first. *Motto:* GUARDIAN OF THE NORTH. Approved for 28th Group on 14 Nov 1941 and for 28th Wing on 11 Jun 1952 (K 6506).



30th Space Wing

Established as Air Force Western Test Range, and activated, on 5 May 1964. Organized on 15 May 1964. Inactivated on 1 Apr 1970. Redesignated Western Space and Missile Center, and activated, on 1 Oct 1979. Redesignated 30th Space Wing on 19 Nov 1991.

Assignments

Air Force Systems Command, 5 May 1964; National Range Division, 15 May 1964–1 Apr 1970. Space and Missile Test Organization, 1 Oct 1979; Space Systems Division, 1 Oct 1989; 9th Space Division, 1 Oct 1990; Air Force Space Command, 1 Oct 1991; Fourteenth Air Force, 20 Sep 1993–.

Components

Groups. 30th Operations: 19 Nov 1991–. 6595th Missile Test (later, 6595th Test and Evaluation): 1 Oct 1979–1 Oct 1990. 6595th Satellite Test (later, 6595th Aerospace Test): 1 Oct 1979–1 Oct 1990. 6595th Shuttle Test: 1 Oct 1979–31 Jan 1987.

Squadron: 2d Space Launch: 1 Oct 1990–19 Nov 1991.

Stations

Vandenberg AFB, CA, 15 May 1964–1 Apr 1970. Vandenberg AFB, CA, 1 Oct 1979–.

Commanders

Brig Gen Jewell C. Maxwell, 15 May 1964; Maj Gen Joseph S. Blaymaier, 2 Oct 1965; Maj Gen Clifford J. Kronauer, Jr., 26 Jul 1967–1 Apr 1970. Col William M. Burkett, 1 Oct 1979; Col William J. Murphy, 15 May 1981; Col Lawrence L. Gooch, 27 Jul 1983; Col Orlando C. Severo, Jr., 21 Apr 1986; Brig Gen Sebastian F. Coglitore, 10 Sep 1991–.

Aircraft

None.

Operations

Operated and maintained the Western Test Range to support Department of Defense, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and other range users. Conducted strategic missile test programs, including Minuteman force reliability assessment and Peacekeeper flight development efforts; maintained launch and support facilities for the Space Transportation System, 1984–1987; and conducted other aerospace systems launching and tracking operations at or within range of the California launch site and at several fixed and mobile instrumentation sites in the Pacific. Provided support personnel to USAF units deployed to Southwest Asia, Aug 1990–Apr 1991, and to Saudi Arabia on a rotational basis thereafter.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Organizational Excellence Award: 1 Jun 1989–31 May 1991.

Emblem

Azure, a globe Argent gridlined Sable below in dexter chief a flight symbol ascending bendwise of the like and in sinister chief a flight symbol ascending pilwise of the last both issuing contrails arcing to the globe in sinister base Gules; all within a diminished bordure Or. Approved on 13 Mar 1995; replaced emblem originally approved on 14 Jul 1980 (KE 70796) and slightly modified on 4 Sep 1992.



31st Fighter Wing

Established as 31st Fighter Wing on 6 Nov 1947. Organized on 20 Nov 1947.
Redesignated: 31st Fighter-Bomber Wing on 20 Jan 1950; 31st Fighter-Escort Wing on 16 Jul 1950; 31st Strategic Fighter Wing on 20 Jan 1953; 31st Fighter-Bomber Wing on 1 Apr 1957; 31st Tactical Fighter Wing on 1 Jul 1958; 31st Tactical Training Wing on 30 Mar 1981; 31st Tactical Fighter Wing on 1 Oct 1985; 31st Fighter Wing on 1 Oct 1991.

Assignments

Ninth Air Force, 20 Nov 1947; Fourteenth Air Force, 1 Feb 1949; Second Air Force, 1 Jul 1950; 40th Air Division, 14 Mar 1951 (attached to 39th Air Division [Defense], 10 Jul–11 Oct 1952 and 10 Nov 1953–12 Feb 1954); Ninth Air Force, 1 Apr 1957; 831st Air Division, 15 Mar 1959; Ninth Air Force, 1 Jun 1962 (attached to Air Force Atlantic Command, 24 Oct–9 Nov 1962; 1st Air Division Provisional, 10 Nov–c. 30 Nov 1962); 836th Air Division, 1 Oct 1964; 834th Air Division, 1 Jan 1965; 836th Air Division, 1 Aug 1966 (attached to Seventh Air Force, 16–24 Dec 1966); Seventh Air Force, 25 Dec 1966; 836th Air Division, 15 Oct 1970; Ninth Air Force, 30 Jun 1971; Sixteenth Air Force, 1 Apr 1994–.

Components.

Group. 31st Fighter (later, 31st Fighter-Bomber; 31st Fighter-Escort; 31st Operations): 20 Nov 1947–16 Jun 1952 (detached 15 Dec 1950–10 Feb 1951); 1 Nov 1991–1 Apr 1994; 1 Apr 1994–.

Squadrons. 68th: 15–30 Oct 1970. 136th: 14 Jun 1968–25 May 1969. 188th: 7 Jun 1968–18 May 1969. 306th Fighter-Bomber (later, 306th Tactical Fighter Training; 306th Tactical Fighter): 25 Sep 1957–28 Sep 1970 (detached 8 Apr–16 Jul 1960, 15 Feb–1 Mar 1961, 20 Aug–1 Sep 1961, 24 Apr–19 Jul 1962, 27 Jun–30 Sep 1963, 1 May–8 Aug 1964, 7 Jul 1965–27 Jan 1966); 30 Oct 1970–15 Jul 1971; 1 Jul 1978–1 Sep 1983; 1 Oct 1985–1 Oct 1986. 307th Fighter-Escort (later, 307th Strategic Fighter; 307th Fighter-Bomber; 307th Tactical Fighter; 307th Tactical Fighter Training; 307th Tactical Fighter) attached 27 Jul 1951–15 Jun 1952, assigned 16 Jun 1952–27 Apr 1966 (detached 7 Nov–7 Dec 1956, 25 Feb–17 Aug 1958, 15 Mar–19 Jul 1959, 8 Nov 1960–9 Mar 1961, 18–28 Feb 1962, 17 Dec 1962–16 Mar 1963, 27 Dec 1963–5 Mar 1964, 23 Nov 1964–14 Mar 1965, 24 Jun–7 Dec 1965); 15 Jul 1971–1 Jul 1989; (detached 29 Jul–31 Oct 1972); 30 Sep 1991–1 Nov 1991. 308th Fighter-Escort (later, 308th Strategic Fighter; 308th Fighter-Bomber; 308th Tactical Fighter; 308th Tactical Fighter Training; 308th Tactical Fighter) attached 27 Jul 1951–15 Jun 1952, assigned 16 Jun 1952–2 Dec 1965 (detached 5 Dec 1956–7 Jan 1957, 15 Aug 1958–19 Jan 1959, 11 Jul–c. Dec 1959, 7 Mar–c. 19 Jul 1961, 13 Mar–3 Jul 1963, 9 Feb–5 May 1964, 9 Mar–8 Jul 1965); attached 16–24 Dec 1966, assigned 25 Dec 1966–5 Oct 1970; assigned 30 Oct 1970–1 Nov 1991 (detached 28 Apr–29 Jul 1972, 11 Dec 1972–11 Jun 1973). 309th Fighter (later, 309th Strategic Fighter; 309th Fighter-Bomber; 309th Tactical Fighter; 309th Tactical Fighter Training; 309th Tactical Fighter) attached 27 Jul 1951–

15 Jun 1952, assigned 16 Jun 1952–5 Oct 1970 (detached 5 Jan–9 Feb 1957, 9 Jul–15 Nov 1960, 9 Oct–26 Nov 1961, 17 Jul–22 Dec 1962, 26 Sep–31 Dec 1963, 5 Aug–27 Nov 1964, 18 Jan–24 Apr 1966); assigned 30 Oct 1970–1 Nov 1991. 355th: 15 May 1969–30 Sep 1970. 416th: 28 May 1969–28 Sep 1970. 431st Air Refueling: attached 1 Apr–24 Nov 1957, assigned 25 Nov 1957–1 Jul 1958. 436th: 15–30 Oct 1970. 478th: 15–31 Oct 1970. 508th Air Refueling: attached 10 Feb–1 Jun 1954; assigned 11 May 1956–1 Apr 1957. 560th: 15–31 Oct 1970. 4431st Tactical Fighter Replacement: 1 Oct 1971–1 May 1973.

Stations

Turner Field (later, AFB), GA, 20 Nov 1947; George AFB, CA, 15 Mar 1959; Homestead AFB, FL, 31 May 1962–6 Dec 1966; Tuy Hoa AB, South Vietnam, 16 Dec 1966–15 Oct 1970; Homestead AFB, FL, 15 Oct 1970–1 Apr 1994; Aviano AB, Italy, 1 Apr 1994–.

Commanders

Col William L. Lee, 20 Nov 1947; Col Eugene H. Snavely, 16 Aug 1948; Col Alvan C. Gillem II, c. 26 Dec 1950; Col Eugene H. Snavely, 10 Mar 1951; Col Carl W. Stapleton, 14 Mar 1951; Lt Col Charles W. Lenfrost, 9 Apr 1951; Col David C. Schilling, 1 May 1951; Lt Col Charles W. Lenfrost, c. 27 May 1951; Lt Col William D. Dunham, 22 Jun 1951; Lt Col Gerald W. Johnson, 1 Jul 1951; Col David C. Schilling, 20 Jul 1951; Col Robert P. Montgomery, 16 May 1955; Col Gordon M. Graham, 15 Jul 1955; Col Hubert Zemke, 1 Aug 1955; Col Gordon M. Graham, 13 Oct 1955; Lt Col Harold L. Williams, Feb 1959–unkn; Col Robert W. Stephens, 15 Mar 1959; Col Herbert E. Ross, 26 Aug 1959; Col William D. Ritchie, 5 Oct 1959; Col Jack R. Brown, 2 Oct 1961; Col Frank J. Collins, 14 Oct 1961; Col William E. Bethea, 9 Mar 1964; Col Franklin A. Nichols, 16 Mar 1964; Col Ernest T. Burnett, 30 May 1965; Col James Jabara, 17 Jun 1965; Col Raymond C. Lee, Jr., 17 Nov 1966; Col Warren R. Lewis, 28 Nov 1966; Col William J. Evans, 7 Dec 1967; Col Abner M. Aust, Jr., 3 May 1968; Col Cuthbert A. Pattillo, 8 Feb 1969; Col William B. Yancey, Jr., 8 Aug 1969; Col Gilbert D. Hereth, 15 Jun 1970; Brig Gen Wiltz P. Segura, 15 Oct 1970; Col David E. Rippetoe, Jr., 28 May 1971; Col Alonzo J. Walter, Jr., 16 Jun 1972; Col Dudley J. Foster, 1 Mar 1974; Col Walter J. Bacon II, 7 Mar 1975; Col Samuel R. Johnson, 14 Jun 1976; Col William A. Gorton, 31 Aug 1978; Col Eugene H. Fischer, 2 Jan 1980; Col Robert H. Baxter, 5 Jan 1982; Col Billy G. McCoy, 20 Jun 1984; Col Charles L. Hehn, 27 Jun 1985; Col Hiram H. Burr, Jr.,

5 Sep 1986; Col Walter T. West, 28 Apr 1988; Col Stephen B. Plummer, 1 Aug 1991; Col William T. Rudd, 6 Nov 1992–.

Aircraft

P (later, F)–51, 1947–1949; F–84, 1948–1950, 1951–1957; KB–29, 1954, 1956–1957; F–100, 1957–1959, 1959–1970; KB–50, 1957–1958; F–4, 1970–1988; F–16, 1985–1992.

Operations

Trained to achieve tactical proficiency, 1947–1950, while located at Turner Field (later, AFB), GA. From Dec 1950 through Jul 1951, all tactical and most support components deployed to England. Thereafter, deployed to provide air defense in Japan, Jul–Oct 1952 and Nov 1953–Feb 1954. Earned an outstanding unit award for making the first massed jet fighter crossing of the Pacific Ocean, in Jul 1952. Rotated tactical components to Alaska, 1956–1957, and to Europe, 1958–1959. Became non-operational in Mar 1959, moved to George AFB, CA, and absorbed personnel and equipment of inactivated units. Reassigned to Homestead AFB, FL, in May 1962 and subsequently stood air defense alert during the Cuban Missile Crisis, Oct–Nov 1962. Maintained tactical proficiency by participating in exercises, firepower demonstrations, and by rotating tactical components overseas. Moved to Southeast Asia in Dec 1966 and conducted combat operations, 16 Dec 1966–Sep 1970. Controlled interdiction strikes, conducted visual and photo reconnaissance, rescue combat air patrols, and suppressed enemy antiaircraft artillery. Conducted air operations against enemy forces during the TET Offensive and the Siege of Khe Sanh, Feb–Apr 1968. Flew close air support missions during the extraction of friendly troops from Kham Duc on 12 May 1968. Gained forward air control mission in May 1968. Returned to Homestead AFB, FL, without personnel or equipment on 15 Oct 1970 and absorbed new personnel and equipment. Conducted F–4 replacement training from 1 Jul 1971 and rotated components to Southeast Asia, Apr 1972–Jun 1973. Assumed primary responsibility for air defense in southern Florida on 1 Apr 1976 and continued to advise select Air National Guard (ANG) fighter units on operational matters. In Sep 1979–Sep 1980, transferred nearly half of its F–4E aircraft to Egypt (Project PEACE PHAROAH) and the remainder to the ANG, and re-equipped with F–4D aircraft. Continued to operate as an F–4 combat crew training unit but relinquished its Florida air defense commitment in Oct 1983. Began transitioning into F–16 aircraft in Jun 1985 and reduced F–4 training operations as its flying squadrons completed

turnover; the last F–4 training class graduated in May 1988. Subsequently became a fully operational F–16 wing and maintained readiness for worldwide deployment carrying either conventional or nuclear weapons. On 24 Aug 1992, much of Homestead AFB’s physical plant was destroyed or severely damaged by Hurricane Andrew. Subsequently, the wing’s fighter squadrons moved to other bases, and, in Nov 1992, were assigned to other wings. Other wing elements worked to clean up and salvage government property at Homestead.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

Vietnam: Vietnam Air Offensive; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air/Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; TET 69/ Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer–Fall, 1969; Vietnam Winter–Spring, 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Presidential Unit Citation: Vietnam, 1 May–31 Dec 1968. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat “V” Device: 17 Dec 1966–30 Apr 1968. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 4–16 Jul 1952; 1 Mar–30 Nov 1962; 1 Jun–16 Dec 1966. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Crosses with Palm: 17 Dec 1966–31 Oct 1970; 1 Jan 1968–19 May 1969.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 31st Operations Group prior to 20 Nov 1947.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. World War II: Algeria-French Morocco, with Arrowhead; Tunisia; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Anzio; Rome-Arno; Southern France; North Appenines; Po Valley; Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Decorations. Distinguished Unit Citations: Rumania, 21 Apr 1944; Poland, 25 Jul 1944.

Emblem

Per bend nebule Or and Azure, in chief a wyvern Light Blue, sans legs, endorsed of the second, all within a diminished bordure of the first. *Motto*: RETURN WITH HONOR. Approved for 31st Group on 28 Jun 1941 and for 31st Wing on 13 Dec 1951 (K&KE 6350).



33d Fighter Wing

Established as 33d Fighter Wing on 15 Oct 1947. Organized on 5 Nov 1947.
Redesignated 33d Fighter-Interceptor Wing on 20 Jan 1950. Inactivated on 6 Feb 1952.
Redesignated 33d Fighter Wing (Air Defense) on 14 Sep 1956. Activated on 18 Oct 1956.
Inactivated on 18 Aug 1957. Redesignated 33d Tactical Fighter Wing, and activated, on
9 Feb 1965. Organized on 1 Apr 1965. Redesignated 33d Fighter Wing on 1 Oct 1991.

Assignments

Eighth Air Force, 5 Nov 1947 (attached to 509th Bombardment Wing, Very Heavy, 17 Nov 1947–15 Nov 1948); First Air Force, 1 Dec 1948 (attached to Eastern Air Defense Force, 10 Nov 1949–31 Aug 1950, and further attached to 32d Air Division [Defense], 20 Feb 1950–); Eastern Air Defense Force, 1 Sep 1950–6 Feb 1952 (remained attached to 32d Air Division [Defense] to 1 Feb 1952). 26th Air Division (Defense), 18 Oct 1956 (attached to 4622d Air Defense Wing [SAGE], 18 Oct 1956–7 Jan 1957); Boston Air Defense Sector, 8 Jan–18 Aug 1957. Tactical Air Command, 9 Feb 1965; 836th Air Division, 1 Apr 1965; Ninth Air Force, 30 Jun 1971–.

Components

Wing. 50th Fighter (later, 50th Fighter-Interceptor): attached 1 Jun 1949–2 Jun 1951.

Group. 33d Fighter (later, 33d Fighter-Interceptor; 33d Fighter; 33d Operations): 5 Nov 1947–6 Feb 1952 (detached 5 Nov 1947–15 Nov 1948); 18 Oct 1956–18 Aug 1957 (detached 1 Jul–18 Aug 1957); 1 Dec 1991–.

Squadrons. 4th: 20 Jun 1965–12 Apr 1969. 16th: 20 Jun 1965–1 Nov 1970 (detached 27 Aug–13 Sep 1966, 13–31 Oct 1967, 26 May–9 Sep 1970). 25th: 20 Jun 1965–28 May 1968. 40th: 20 Jun 1965–15 Oct 1970. 58th: 1 Sep 1970–1 Dec 1991 (detached 29 Apr–14 Oct 1972, 8 Jun–14 Sep 1973, 8–22 Aug 1975, 31 Jan–14 Feb 1977; 28 Aug 1990–12 Apr 1991). 59th: 1 Sep 1970–1 Dec 1991 (detached 24–29 Mar 1974). 60th: 1 Sep 1971–1 Dec 1991. 133d: attached 21 Jul 1951–6 Feb 1952. 786th: 1 Apr–20 Jun 1965. 787th: 1 Apr–20 Jun 1965. 788th: 1 Apr–20 Jun 1965. 789th: 1 Apr–20 Jun 1965. 4533d Tactical Training Squadron (Test): 7 Dec 1967–12 Apr 1971.

Stations

Roswell AAFld (later, Walker AFB), NM, 5 Nov 1947; Otis AFB, MA, 16 Nov 1948–6 Feb 1952. Otis AFB, MA, 18 Oct 1956–18 Aug 1957. Eglin AFB, FL, 1 Apr 1965–.

Commanders

Lt Col Joseph C. Smith, 5 Nov 1947 (additional duty); Col Gwen G. Atkinson, Jan 1948 (additional duty to 16 Nov 1948); Col Arthur C. Agan, Jr., 23 May 1949; Col Harrison R. Thyng, Apr 1951; Col Leon W. Gray, Oct 1951–6 Feb 1952. Col Hilmer C. Nelson, 18 Oct 1956; Col Delbert H. Hahn, (by May)–c. 30 Jun 1957; none (not manned), 1 Jul–18 Aug 1957. None (not manned), 9 Feb–31 Mar 1965; Col David C. Jones, 1 Apr 1965; Col George

I. Ruddell, 1 Oct 1965; Col Robert W. Maloy, 26 Aug 1966; Col Abner M. Aust, Jr., 12 May 1967; Col Franklin L. Fisher, 15 Jun 1967; Col Richard C. Henry, 30 Sep 1970; Col William E. Skinner, 24 Mar 1972; Col Gordon B. Mickelson, 10 May 1973; Col Donald C. Hanto, 15 Feb 1975; Col David L. Nichols, 29 Apr 1977; Brig Gen Charles R. Hamm, 20 Jul 1979; Col Stanton R. Musser, 21 Apr 1980; Col Jack R. Petry, 22 Jan 1982; Col Robert K. Wagner, 19 Aug 1983; Col George J. Forster, 14 May 1985; Col John P. Jumper, 19 Feb 1987; Col Robert W. Mendell, 19 Jan 1988; Col Rick N. Parsons, 30 May 1989; Col David L. Yates, 25 Aug 1990; Col Richard F. Hardy, 1 Mar 1991; Col Rick N. Parsons, c. 12 Apr 1991; Col Gregory S. Martin, 2 Aug 1991–.

Aircraft

F–51, 1948–1950; F–84, 1948–1950; F–86, 1950–1952; F–94, 1951–1952; F–47, 1951–1952. F–89, 1956–1957; F–94, 1956–1957. F–4, 1965–1979; F–15, 1978–.

Operations

Wing headquarters not operational and all components detached, Nov 1947–Nov 1948. The 509th Bombardment Wing at Walker AFB, NM, controlled the wing's tactical units. Headquarters of the 33d Fighter Wing became operational upon movement to Otis AFB, MA, in mid-Nov 1948. The wing trained to maintain tactical proficiency and participated in exercises and aerial demonstrations Nov 1948–Nov 1949. Assumed an air defense mission in Dec 1949 and provided air defense in the northeastern United States until inactivated in Feb 1952. Again provided air defense in the northeastern United States, Oct 1956–Jun 1957. Non-operational, 1 Jul–18 Aug 1957. In Apr 1965 the wing activated at Eglin AFB, FL, and embarked on a program of tactical training operations to maintain proficiency. Operated a test support division, Jul 1965–Dec 1967, and a special test squadron, Dec 1967–Apr 1971, in support of tests for weapon systems, aircraft armament and munitions, and tactical procedures of the Tactical Air Warfare Center. The wing also provided F–4 replacement training, 15 Dec 1966–28 Feb 1967. Through deployment of combat-ready tactical components, with personnel and equipment transferred to PACAF units upon arrival, the wing provided fresh aircraft and aircrews for the forces in Southeast Asia and in Korea. Entire resources of squadrons were released as follows: 40th TFS, May 1967, Nov 1968, and May 1969; 4th TFS, Jul 1967; and 16th TFS, Oct 1967 and Apr 1969. In all cases except for the 40th, in May 1969, the squadrons were immediately remanned and reequipped. The wing also transferred two of its

combat-ready squadrons to PACAF, the 25th TFS in May 1968 and the 4th TFS in Apr 1969. The wing's last combat-ready squadron, the 58th TFS, deployed to Southeast Asia for combat operations from Apr to Oct 1972 and again from Jun to Sep 1973. The wing supported the 4485th Test Squadron of the Tactical Air Warfare Center in weapon systems evaluation program tests, Jan–Dec 1973, and periodically thereafter until Jul 1978. Aircrews ferried F–4Es to Israel in Oct 1973. The wing augmented intercept defense forces of the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD), 1 Jan 1976–15 Jan 1979 and 4 Jan–5 Apr 1982. While awaiting delivery of F–15s, the 60 FS conducted F–15 mission qualifications training for the 18 TFW, 15 July 1979–30 April 1980. The wing provided personnel and equipment to fly combat air patrols and air intercept missions for contingency operations in Grenada, Oct–Nov 1983, and Panama, Dec 1989–Jan 1990. During combat operations while deployed in Southwest Asia, 26 Aug 1990–12 Apr 1991, wing personnel were credited with 16 air-to-air victories. Wing personnel and aircraft continued rotations to Saudi Arabia to protect coalition assets and to ensure that Iraq complied with treaty terms.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Grenada, 1983.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jan 1967–30 Jun 1968; 1 Jul 1968–30 Jun 1969; 1 Oct 1978–30 April 1980; 1 May 1984–30 April 1986; 1 Apr 1990–31 Mar 1992.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 33d Operations Group prior to 5 Nov 1947.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. World War II: Algeria-French Morocco; Tunisia; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Anzio; Rome-Arno; Air Combat, EAME Theater; India-Burma; China Defensive; Central Burma.

Decorations. Distinguished Unit Citation: Central Tunisia, 15 Jan 1943.

Emblem

Azure, on a pale wavy Or, a sword point to chief of the field flammant Gules and Argent all within a diminished bordure of the second. *Motto:* FIRE FROM THE CLOUDS. Approved for 33d Group on 21 Feb 1942 and for 33d Wing on 5 Oct 1965 (DFSC 86–06552).



34th Training Wing

Established as 34th Bombardment Group (Heavy) on 20 Nov 1940. Activated on 15 Jan 1941. Redesignated 34th Bombardment Group, Heavy, c. 15 Feb 1944. Inactivated on 28 Aug 1945. Consolidated (31 Jan 1984) with the 34th Tactical Group, which was established, and activated, on 19 Jun 1963. Organized on 8 Jul 1963. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 8 Jul 1965. Redesignated 34th Training Wing on 30 Sep 1994. Activated on 31 Oct 1994.

Assignments

2d Bombardment Wing, 15 Jan 1941; 4th Bombardment Wing, 3 Jun 1941; 1st Bomber Command, 5 Sep 1941; 2d (later, Second) Air Force, 27 Jan 1942; 16th Bombardment Training (later, 16th Bombardment Operational Training) Wing, c. 15 Dec 1942; 93d Combat Bombardment Wing, c. 26 Apr 1944; 45th Combat Bombardment Wing, 24 May 1945; 20th Bombardment Wing, 18 Jun–28 Aug 1945. Pacific Air Forces, 19 Jun 1963; 2d Air Division, 8 Jul 1963–8 Jul 1965. United States Air Force Academy, 31 Oct 1994–.

Components

Group. 34th Operations: 31 Oct 1994–.

Squadrons. 1st Reconnaissance (later, 391st Bombardment): attached 15 Jan 1941–24 Feb 1942, assigned 25 Feb 1942–28 Aug 1945. 1st Air Commando: 8 Jul 1963–8 Jul 1965. 4th: 15 Jan 1941–28 Aug 1945. 7th: 15 Jan 1941–28 Aug 1945. 8th Bombardment (Tactical): attached 5 Aug–3 Nov 1964. 13th Bombardment (Tactical): attached 5 Aug–3 Nov 1964; 17 Feb–16 May 1965. 18th: 15 Jan 1941–28 Aug 1945. 19th Tactical Air Support: 8 Jul 1963–8 Aug 1964; 21 Oct 1964–8 Jul 1965. 602d Fighter (Commando): 18 Oct 1964–8 Jul 1965.

Stations

Langley Field, VA, 15 Jan 1941; Westover Field, MA, 29 May 1941; Pendleton Field, OR, 27 Jan 1942; Davis-Monthan Field, AZ, c. 13 May 1942; Geiger Field, WA, 4 Jul 1942; Ephrata, WA, 1 Dec 1942; Blythe, CA, 15 Dec 1942–Apr 1944; Mendlesham, England, c. 26 Apr 1944–c. 25 Jul 1945; Sioux Falls AAFld, SD, Aug–28 Aug 1945. Bien Hoa AB, South Vietnam, 8 Jul 1963–8 Jul 1965. United States Air Force Academy, CO, 31 Oct 1994–.

Commanders

Maj John W. Monahan, 15 Jan 1941; Lt Col Harold D. Smith, 1 Mar 1941; Maj Ford J. Lauer, 9 Jan 1942; Col Ralph E. Koon, 12 Feb 1942; Maj Irvine A. Rendel, 21 Jul 1942; Maj John A. Rouse, 24 Feb 1943; Lt Col John E. Carmack, 15 Sep 1943; Col Ernest F. Wackwitz, Jr., c. 5 Jan 1944; Col William E. Creer, 8 Sep 1944; Lt Col Eugene B. Lebailly, 29 May–c. Aug 1945. None (not manned), 19 Jun–7 Jul 1963; Col Coleman O. Williams, 8 Jul 1963; Col Robert L. Loughry, 12 Nov 1963; Col Benjamin S. Preston, Jr., 1 Feb 1964; Col William E. Bethea, 20 Jun 1964; Col Philip Brooks, 8 Jun–8 Jul 1965.

Aircraft

PT-47, 1941; LB-30, 1941; B-18, 1941; B-17, 1941–1942, 1944–1945; B-24, 1942–1944. O-1, 1963–1965; U-10, 1963–1965; B-26, 1963–1964; RB-26, 1963–1964; T-28, 1963–1964; C-47, 1963–1965; A-1, 1964–1965; B-57, 1964, 1965.

Operations

Flew patrol missions along the east coast after the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. Served as a replacement training unit from mid-1942 until the end of 1943, and then prepared for overseas duty with B-24s. Moved to England in Apr 1944 and entered combat on 23 May 1944. Helped to prepare for the Normandy invasion by bombing airfields in France and Germany and supported the landing by attacking coastal defenses and communications targets. Supported ground forces at St Lo, 24–25 Jul, and attacked V-weapons sites, gun emplacements, and supply lines throughout the summer of 1944. Converted to B-17s and engaged primarily in bombardment of strategic objectives from Oct 1944 to Feb 1945. In Mar 1945, the 34th turned to interdicting enemy communications and supporting Allied ground forces. After V-E Day, carried food to flooded areas of Holland and transported prisoners of war from German camps to Allied centers. Returned to the US in the summer of 1945 and inactivated. Organized at Bien Hoa in Jul 1963, with the primary mission of training Republic of Vietnam Air Force (RVNAF) personnel in counterinsurgency operations. Provided training for RVNAF strike pilots, forward air controllers, and observers. Also augmented the RVNAF war effort by flying a variety of combat missions, including close air support, escort and interdiction, psychological warfare, paradrop and aerial supply, forward air control and tactical liaison. Pioneered combat implementation of tactical weapons and munitions that came to typify the war, such as the A-1 Skyraider, the minigun, the daisycutter, and the gunship. Aircrews of the 1st Air Commando Squadron performed the first combat tests of the FC-47 gunship beginning Dec 1964. While under the group's control, aircrews of the 8th and 13th Bombardment Squadrons flew the first jet airstrikes of the war on 19 Feb 1965. In Mar 1965, changes in the rules of engagement brought a dramatic increase in combat sorties flown by the group and a concomitant expansion of other responsibilities. Finally, with the mission of the 34th outgrowing the manning capabilities of group structure, it was replaced by the 6251st Tactical Fighter Wing in Jul 1965.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater; Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater. Vietnam: Vietnam Advisory; Vietnam Defensive.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award: [8 Jul] 1963–31 Jul 1964.

Emblem

Azure, a compass rose Argent shaded Gules all within a diminished bordure Or. Approved on 4 Nov 1941 (KE 2652).



35th Fighter Wing

Established as 35th Fighter Wing on 10 Aug 1948. Activated on 18 Aug 1948. Redesignated 35th Fighter-Interceptor Wing on 20 Jan 1950. Inactivated on 1 Oct 1957. Redesignated 35th Tactical Fighter Wing, and activated, on 14 Mar 1966. Organized on 8 Apr 1966. Inactivated on 31 Jul 1971. Activated on 1 Oct 1971. Redesignated: 35th Tactical Training Wing on 1 Jul 1984; 35th Tactical Fighter Wing on 5 Oct 1989; 35th Fighter Wing on 1 Oct 1991. Inactivated on 15 Dec 1992. Redesignated 35th Wing on 9 Apr 1993. Activated on 31 May 1993. Inactivated on 1 Oct 1994. Redesignated 35th Fighter Wing, and activated, on 1 Oct 1994.

Assignments

314th Air Division, 18 Aug 1948; Fifth Air Force, 1 Mar 1950; 314th Air Division, 25 May 1951; Japan Air Defense Force, 1 Mar 1952; Fifth Air Force, 1 Sep 1954; 41st Air Division, 1 Mar 1955–1 Oct 1957 (attached to 6102d Air Base Wing, 1 Jul–1 Oct 1957). Pacific Air Forces, 14 Mar 1966; Seventh Air Force, 8 Apr 1966–31 Jul 1971. Twelfth Air Force, 1 Oct 1971; Tactical Training, George, 1 Oct 1977; 831st Air Division, 1 Dec 1980; Twelfth Air Force, 31 Mar 1991–15 Dec 1992. First Air Force 31 May 1993; Eighth Air Force, 1 Oct 1993–1 Oct 1994. Fifth Air Force, 1 Oct 1994–.

Components

Group. 35th Fighter (later, 35th Fighter-Interceptor; 35th Operations): 18 Aug 1948–1 Oct 1957 (detached c. 9 Jul–1 Dec 1950, 7–24 May 1951; 14 Aug–30 Sep 1954); 31 May 1993–1 Oct 1994; 1 Oct 1994–.

Squadrons. Royal Australian Air Force, No. 2: attached c. 19 Apr 1967–4 Jun 1971. 8th Bombardment, Tactical (later, 8th Special Operations): attached 8–18 Apr 1966, 15 Jun–15 Aug 1966, 12 Oct–12 Dec 1966, 11 Feb–12 Apr 1967, 7 Jun–2 Aug 1967, 26 Sep–21 Nov 1967; assigned 15 Jan 1968–15 Nov 1969; assigned 30 Sep 1970–31 Jul 1971 (detached c. 16–31 Jul 1971). 8th Tactical Reconnaissance: attached 1 Apr–14 Aug 1950. 13th Bombardment, Tactical: attached 17 Apr–17 Jun 1966, 14 Aug–13 Oct 1966, 12 Dec 1966–11 Feb 1967, 11 Apr–8 Jun 1967, 1 Aug–26 Sep 1967, 21 Nov 1967–15 Jan 1968. 20th Tactical Fighter Training (later, 20th Fighter): 1 Dec 1972–8 Jul 1992. 21st Tactical Fighter Training (later, 21st Tactical Fighter; 21st Tactical Fighter Training): 1 Dec 1972–28 Jun 1991. 39th Fighter-Interceptor (later, 39th Tactical Fighter Training; 39th Tactical Fighter): attached 8 Oct 1956–1 Jul 1957; assigned 1 Jul 1977–11 May 1984. 40th Fighter-Interceptor (later, 40th Tactical Fighter): attached 15 Jan–14 Jul 1954 and 8 Oct 1956–1 Jul 1957; assigned 1 Jun 1972–30 Apr 1982. 41st Fighter-Interceptor: attached 9 Jul–1 Dec 1950 and 15 Jan–14 Jul 1954. 77th Royal Australian Air Force: attached 1 Dec 1950–6 Apr 1951. 120th Tactical Fighter: 30 Apr 1968–18 Apr 1969. 319th Fighter-Interceptor: attached 17 Aug–1 Oct 1954. 339th Fighter (later, 339th Fighter-Interceptor): attached 1 Jul 1949–1 Dec 1950 and 25 May 1951–20 Jul 1954. 352d Tactical Fighter: 10 Oct 1966–31 Jul 1971. 390th Tactical Fighter: 8 Apr–10 Oct 1966. 431st Tactical Fighter Training: 15 Jan 1976–1 Oct 1978. 434th Tactical Fighter (later, 434th Tactical Fighter Training): 1 Oct 1971–1 Jan 1977 (detached 12 Aug–6 Oct 1972). 480th Tactical Fighter: attached 8 Apr–22 Jun 1966, assigned 23 Jun–10 Oct 1966. 561st Tactical Fighter (later, 561st Fighter):

attached 1–14 Jul 1973, assigned 15 Jul 1973–30 Mar 1981; 5 Oct 1989–30 Jun 1992 (detached Aug 1990–Mar 1991). 562d Tactical Fighter (later, 562d Tactical Fighter Training; 562d Fighter): 31 Oct 1974–30 Mar 1981 (detached 12–30 Aug 1977); 5 Oct 1989–30 Jun 1992. 563d Tactical Fighter Training (later, 563d Tactical Fighter): 31 Jul 1975–30 Mar 1981. 612th Tactical Fighter: 15 Mar–31 Jul 1971. 614th Tactical Fighter: 10 Oct 1966–31 Jul 1971. 615th Tactical Fighter: 10 Oct 1966–31 Jul 1971. 4435th Combat Crew Training: 1 Oct 1971–1 Dec 1972. 4435th Tactical Fighter Replacement: 1 Oct 1971–15 Jan 1976. 4452d Combat Crew Training: 1 Oct 1971–1 Dec 1972.

Detachment. Det 1, 612th Tactical Fighter Squadron: attached 10 Oct 1966–8 Jan 1967 and 14 Apr 1969–15 Mar 1971.

Stations

Johnson AB, Japan, 18 Aug 1948; Yokota AB, Japan, 1 Apr 1950; Johnson AB, Japan, 14 Aug 1950; Yonpo, North Korea, 1 Dec 1950; Pusan AB, South Korea, c. 7 Dec 1950; Johnson AB, Japan, 25 May 1951; Yokota AB, Japan, 1 Oct 1954–1 Oct 1957. Da Nang AB, South Vietnam, 8 Apr 1966; Phan Rang AB, South Vietnam, 10 Oct 1966–31 Jul 1971. George AFB, CA, 1 Oct 1971–15 Dec 1992. Keflavik NAS, Iceland, 31 May 1993–1 Oct 1994. Misawa AB, Japan, 1 Oct 1994–.

Commanders

Col Edgar M. Scattergood, Jr., 18 Aug 1948; Col Ray W. Clifton, 7 Sep 1948; Col William O. Moore, 3 Feb 1949; Col Lawrence C. Coddington, 22 Aug 1949; Col Robert W. Witty, 1 Apr 1950; Col Virgil L. Zoller, 10 May 1950; Col Thomas B. Hall, 14 Aug 1950; Col Frederic C. Gray, 1 Dec 1950; Col Brooks A. Lawhon, 18 Feb 1951; Col Strother B. Hardwick, Jr., 25 May 1951; Col William A. Schulgen, 28 May 1951; Col Jack S. Jenkins, 19 Jan 1952; Col Thomas J. Barrett, 7 Jun 1952; Col Richard S. Morrison, 19 Jun 1954; Col Fred D. Stevers, 1 Oct 1954; Col Eugene B. Fletcher, 31 Jul 1955; Col James E. Johnston, 15–30 Jun 1957; unkn, 1 Jul–1 Oct 1957. None (not manned), 14 Mar–7 Apr 1966; Col Franklin H. Scott, 8 Apr 1966; Col Allan P. Rankin, 10 May 1966; Col George S. Weart, 10 Oct 1966; Col James A. Wilson, 1 Mar 1967; Col Herndon F. Williams, 1 Feb 1968; Col Frank L. Gailer, Jr., 23 Sep 1968; Brig Gen Walter Galligan, 9 Aug 1969; Col Walter C. Turnier, 10 Jun 1970; Col Cregg P. Nolan, Jr., 1 Jan–c. 31 Jul 1971. Col Fred A. Treyz, 1 Oct 1971; Col William J. Holton, 20 Jul 1972; Col Charles R. Beaver, 24 Aug 1973; Col Richard A. Haggren, 11 Jul 1975; Brig Gen Robert W. Clement, 2 Feb 1976; Brig Gen Cecil D. Crabb, 9 Aug 1976

(additional duty, 1–20 Oct 1977); Col Dudley J. Foster, 21 Oct 1977; Col Rolland W. Moore, Jr., 22 Dec 1978; Col James D. Terry, 17 Jan 1980; Col Gary F. Fredricks, 8 Jan 1982; Col Needham B. Jones, 6 Feb 1984; Col Thomas R. Griffith, 31 Aug 1984; Col E. James Hardenbrook, 28 Aug 1986; Col George K. Muellner, 1 Jul 1988; Col Russell A. Everts, 15 Aug 1989; Col Merrill R. Karp, 8 Jun 1990; Col Robert T. Osterthaler, 25 Sep 1990; Col Merrill R. Karp, 23 Mar 1991; Col Michael D. Anthony, 30 Jun–15 Dec 1992.

Aircraft

Principally F–51, 1948–1950, 1950–1951, 1951–1953; F–61, 1949–1950; F–80, 1949–1950, 1951–1954; F–82, 1949–1950; F–94, 1951–1954; F–86, 1952–1953, 1953–1957, but also included F–86, 1951; RF–80, 1950, 1951–1952, 1953–1954; RF–51, 1952–1953; RC–45, 1952–1954; and RT–7, 1952–1953. Principally F–4, 1966; F–100, 1966–1971; and B–57, 1966–1969; but also included F–102, 1966; MK–20 (Canberra), 1967–1971; and A–37, 1970–1971. F–4, 1971–1992; F–105, 1973–1980.

Operations

Flew air defense missions in Japan, Aug 1948–Nov 1950. In Jul 1950, the wing's tactical group and two squadrons deployed to Korea for combat, but the wing (with one assigned and one attached squadron) continued flying air defense missions in Japan as well as photographic reconnaissance of the Japanese coasts. Wing headquarters moved without personnel or equipment to South Korea on 1 Dec 1950, assuming resources of the 6150th Tactical Support Wing. Flew F–51 aircraft in combat operations, including armed reconnaissance, bomber escort, interdiction, and ground support. Returned to Japan on 25 May 1951 and resumed an air defense mission with some reconnaissance work. The tactical group was non-operational, 15 Jan–14 Jul 1954; during this time the wing directly controlled the 40th, 41st and 339th Squadrons. The group returned to operational status on 15 Jul 1954, and from 14 Aug to 30 Sep 1954 was detached from the wing. From 8 Oct 1956 the tactical group was again non-operational, and wing headquarters controlled the tactical squadrons until 1 Jul 1957, when it also became non-operational. From 1 Jul until inactivated on 1 Oct 1957, the wing was a "paper" unit, its units controlled by 41st Air Division. Organized again in Apr 1966 at Da Nang AB, South Vietnam, replacing the 6252d Tactical Fighter Wing. Controlled two F–4C squadrons, two rotational B–57 squadrons, and F–102 flights of the 64th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron, to conduct combat operations in Southeast Asia. On 1 Oct 1966 the 35th and 366th Wings moved in name only, the 35th Wing replacing the 366th Wing at Phan Rang

AB, South Vietnam, and becoming an F–100 organization. The two B–57 squadrons also shifted bases, following the 35th Wing to Phan Rang. Missions included air support of ground forces, interdiction, visual and armed reconnaissance, strike assessment photography, escort, close and direct air support, and rapid reaction alert. Struck enemy bases and supply caches in Parrot's Beak just inside the Cambodian border, Apr–May 1970. Provided close air support and interdiction in support of South Vietnamese operations in Laos and Cambodia, Jan–Jun 1971. Also attached to the wing at Phan Rang was RAAF Squadron No. 2, equipped with MK–20 Canberra bombers, which provided day and night bombing, photo strike assessment, and close air support primarily for 1st Australian Task Force in Phuoc Tuy Province. Another attached component, actually a de facto squadron, was the F–100-equipped Detachment 1, 612th TFS. On 15 Mar 1971, the 612th moved from Japan to Phan Rang in name only, replacing the detachment. Gained an A–37B squadron (8th SOS) in Sep 1970. Began phasing down for inactivation in Apr 1971, standing down from operations on 26 Jun 1971. Remaining resources passed to the 315th Tactical Airlift Wing on 31 Jul 1971 when the 35th Wing inactivated. A few months later, the 35th Wing activated at George AFB, CA, replacing the 479th Tactical Fighter Wing. Participated in tactical exercises, tests, and operations. Provided F–4 aircrew and maintenance personnel replacement training. Gained F–105 units beginning Jul 1973, in addition to F–4 units, and assumed a "Wild Weasel" (radar detection and suppression) mission with these aircraft. Began "Wild Weasel" aircrew training in F–105 and F–4 aircraft in late 1975. Lost "Wild Weasel" assets in Mar 1981 to a second tactical wing that activated at George AFB. Redesignated a tactical training wing on 1 Jul 1984 but retained an air defense augmentation responsibility. Provided operations and maintenance support for the close air support portion of US Army training exercises at the US Army National Training Center, Ft. Irwin, CA, 1981–1990. In addition, advised specific Air National Guard units on F–4 operations, 1981–1991. The wing's structure allowed for a dual-role mission, combat and training. Regained "Wild Weasel" training mission in Sep 1989. The 561st Sq deployed to the island state of Bahrain to exercise radar suppression, both training and combat operations, in Southwest Asia, Aug 1990–Mar 1991. Also, rotated troops and aircraft to the Persian Gulf as part of the on-going US presence in Southwest Asia, beginning Jun 1991 and following with 90-day deployments. Began phasing down for inactivation and base closure in mid-1991. Flying squadrons departed or inactivated by Jul 1992, and the wing remained non-operational until inactivated in Dec. Replaced Air Forces Iceland at Keflavik NAS in May 1993.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

Korea: CCF Intervention; First UN Counteroffensive; CCF Spring Offensive.
Vietnam: Vietnam Air; Vietnam Air Offensive; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air/Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; TET 69/Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer–Fall, 1969; Vietnam Winter–Spring, 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon; Commando Hunt V; Commando Hunt VI. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Decorations

Presidential Unit Citation: Vietnam, 10 Oct 1966–10 Apr 1967. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat “V” Device: 8 Apr–9 Oct 1966; 2 Apr–2 Sep 1967; 3 Sep 1967–2 May 1968; 1 Oct 1968–13 Apr 1969; 14 Apr 1969–13 Apr 1970; 1 Dec 1970–25 Jun 1971. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 2 Feb 1976–31 Mar 1977; 1 Jun 1985–31 May 1987; 1 Mar 1990–29 Feb 1992. Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation: 7 Sep 1950–7 Feb 1951. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Crosses with Palm: 1 Apr 1966–31 Jul 1971; 1 Sep 1968–9 Oct 1970; 24 Feb–30 Mar 1971.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 35th Operations Group prior to 18 Aug 1948.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. World War II: East Indies; Air Offensive, Japan; China Defensive; Papua; New Guinea; Bismarck Archipelago; Western Pacific; Leyte; Luzon; Ryukyus; China Offensive.

Decorations. Distinguished Unit Citation: Papua, 23 Jul 1942–23 Jul 1943. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation.

Emblem

Azure, a dexter cubit arm palewise Or grasping a dagger with point to base Gules, all within a diminished bordure of the second. *Motto:* ATTACK TO DEFEND. Approved for 35th Group on 24 Mar 1941 and for 35th Wing on 16 Dec 1953 (K 8017).



36th Air Base Wing

Established as 36th Fighter Wing on 17 Jun 1948. Activated on 2 Jul 1948. Redesignated: 36th Fighter-Bomber Wing on 20 Jan 1950; 36th Fighter-Day Wing on 9 Aug 1954; 36th Tactical Fighter Wing on 8 Jul 1958; 36th Fighter Wing on 1 Oct 1991. Inactivated on 1 Oct 1994. Redesignated 36th Air Base Wing, and activated, on 1 Oct 1994.

Assignments

Caribbean Air Command, 2 Jul 1948 (attached to 6th Fighter Wing, 2–28 Jul 1948); United States Air Forces in Europe, 13 Aug 1948 (attached to 2d Air Division, 6–17 Sep 1949); 2d Air Division, 10 Oct 1949; Twelfth Air Force, 7 May 1951 (attached to Flight A, HQ Twelfth Air Force [Advanced Echelon], 7–20 May 1951; Twelfth Air Force [Advanced Echelon], 21 May 1951–26 Apr 1953); United States Air Forces in Europe, 1 Jan 1958 (attached to United States Air Forces in Europe [Advanced Echelon], 1 Jan 1958–14 Nov 1959); Seventeenth Air Force, 15 Nov 1959–1 Oct 1994. Thirteenth Air Force, 1 Oct 1994–.

Components

Wings. 121st: attached 12–27 May 1977. 7149th: attached 15 Apr–15 Sep 1969.

Group. 36th Fighter (later, 36th Fighter-Bomber; 36th Fighter-Day; 36th Operations): 2 Jul 1948–8 Dec 1957; 31 Mar 1992–1 Oct 1994.

Squadrons. 1st Pilotless Bomber (later, 1st Tactical Missile): attached 14 Mar 1955–15 Apr 1956. 7th: attached 2 Mar–4 Apr 1973; attached 3 Apr–3 May 1974; attached 4 Oct–6 Nov 1975. 9th: attached 12 Sep–6 Oct 1970; attached 4 Feb–15 Mar 1973; attached 6 Sep–7 Oct 1975. 18th Tactical Reconnaissance: attached 12–28 Apr 1977. 22d: attached 1 Oct 1956–7 Dec 1957, assigned 8 Dec 1957–31 Mar 1992. 23d: attached 1 Oct 1956–7 Dec 1957, assigned 8 Dec 1957–31 Dec 1971. 32d: attached 1 Oct 1956–7 Dec 1957, assigned 8 Dec 1957–8 Apr 1960. 39th Tactical Electronic Warfare: 1 Apr 1969–31 Dec 1971. 45th Tactical Reconnaissance: attached 13 Aug 1948–25 Mar 1949. 53d: attached 1 Oct 1956–7 Dec 1957, assigned 8 Dec 1957–31 Mar 1992 (detached 20 Dec 1990–1 Jul 1991). 71st Tactical Missile: 1 Oct 1965–30 Apr 1969. 461st: attached 1 Oct 1956–7 Dec 1957, assigned 8 Dec 1957–1 Aug 1959. 525th: 1 Nov 1968–31 Mar 1992.

Stations

Howard AFB, Canal Zone, 2–25 Jul 1948; Furstenfeldbruck (later, Furstenfeldbruck AB), Germany, 13 Aug 1948; Bitburg AB, Germany, 13 Dec 1952–1 Oct 1994. Andersen AFB, Guam, 1 Oct 1994–.

Commanders

Col Henry R. Spicer, 2 Jul 1948 (additional duty); Col Malcolm N. Stewart, 13 Aug 1948; Col John C. Crosthwaite, 16 Sep 1948; Col Hubert Zemke, 2 Nov 1949; Col Thomas K. Hampton, 10 Nov 1949; Col Richard A. Legg,

3 Dec 1949; Col Robert L. Scott, Jr., 1 Mar 1951; Col Thomas B. Whitehouse, 30 May 1953; Col William H. Dick, 5 Jun 1954; Col Roy R. Brischetto, 17 Aug 1954; Col William H. Dick, 11 Jan 1955; Col John A. Brooks III, 7 Feb 1955; Brig Gen Walter B. Putnam, 21 Jul 1956; Col James D. Berry, 10 Jun 1960; Brig Gen Robert L. Delashaw, 18 Jul 1960; Col John H. Buckner, c. 11 Jun 1963; Brig Gen Gordon F. Blood, 11 Jul 1963; Col James F. Hackler, Jr., 22 Aug 1964; Col Benjamin B. Cassidy, Jr., 6 Aug 1966; Col Charles C. Pattillo, 12 May 1967; Col Joseph C. Secino, 26 Mar 1968; Col Richard G. Cross, Jr., 15 May 1968; Col Forrest L. Rauscher, 15 Jun 1969; Brig Gen Edwin W. Robertson II, 19 Nov 1969; Col Billy F. Rogers, 8 Oct 1971; Brig Gen Don H. Payne, 25 May 1972; Brig Gen Frederick C. Kyler, 31 Jul 1974; Col Perry M. Smith, 31 May 1978; Col Harold N. Campbell, 28 Feb 1979; Col Marcus A. Anderson, 15 Jan 1981; Col Richard L. Craft, 12 Jul 1982; Brig Gen Larry R. Keith, 26 Mar 1984; Col Peter D. Robinson, 25 Jan 1985; Col John A. Warden III, 19 Aug 1987; Col Jeffrey G. Cliver, 22 Jan 1988; Col John A. Judd, 4 Oct 1989; Col Ronald E. Keys, 11 Jul 1991; Col Jerry D. Hokkannen, 3 Aug 1992; Brig Gen Roger E. Carleton, 7 Oct 1992–.

Aircraft and Missiles

Primarily flew: F–80, 1948–1950; F–84, 1950–1953; F–86, 1953–1956; F–100, 1956–1961; F–105, 1961–1966; F–4, 1966–1977; F–102, 1968–1969; EB–66, 1969–1971; and F–15, 1977–; but also flew, in fewer numbers, B–17, 1948; B/RB–26, 1948–1949; Matador, 1955–1956, Mace, 1965–1969; RF–4, 1977; and A–7, 1977.

Operations

Wing headquarters activated in the Canal Zone but was not manned because of pending movement to Europe. Tactically operational from mid-Aug 1948, introduced the first US jet fighters in Europe. During the next three decades, introduced other new jet aircraft in Europe, including the F–84 in 1950, the F–86 in 1953, the F–100 in 1956, the F–105 in 1961, the F–4 in 1966, and the F–15 in 1977. Tactical operations included air defense, tactical exercises and maneuvers, photographic reconnaissance (1948–1949), tactical missile operations (1955–1956 and 1965–1969), and tactical electronic warfare operations (1969–1971). Formed the Skyblazers aerial demonstration team in May 1949 and controlled it until Aug 1952, and again from Oct 1956 to Jan 1962. In addition to its primary installation (Bitburg AB, Germany), the wing controlled Oberpfaffenhofen AB, Germany, Dec 1949–Feb 1950, and Spangdahlem AB, Germany, Sep 1969–Dec 1971. Assumed logistical

responsibility for Ground Launched Cruise Missile base closure at Florennes, Belgium in 1989, arranging and accompanying Soviet Inspection Team visits to insure compliance with Intermediate Nuclear Forces Treaty. Deployed 53d Fighter Squadron, additional pilots and aircraft from the 22d and 525th Fighter Squadrons, and support personnel to Southwest Asia, Dec 1990–Jul 1991, to assist in UN operations to liberate Kuwait. Wing pilots were credited with seventeen enemy combat aircraft destroyed.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: [1] May 1956–[1] May 1958; 1 Jan–31 Dec 1968; 1 Dec 1973–30 Apr 1975; 1 Jul 1975–30 Jun 1977; 1 Jul 1977–30 Jun 1979; 1 Jul 1986–30 Jun 1988; 1 Jul 1988–30 Jun 1990; 1 Sep 1990–31 Jul 1991.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 36th Operations Group prior to 2 Jul 1948.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater; Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Decorations. Distinguished Unit Citations: France, 1 Sep 1944; Germany, 12 Apr 1945. Cited in the Order of the Day, Belgian Army: 1 Oct–17 Dec 1944; 18 Dec 1944–15 Jan 1945. Belgian Fourragere. Luxembourg Croix de Guerre: [1944]–1945 (awarded in error in 1969 to the Wing).

Emblem

Or a flight symbol palewise ascending Gules, on a chief Azure a wing fesswise Argent, all within a diminished bordure of the first. Approved on 19 Jun 1940 for 36th Group and on 17 Jul 1952 for 36th Wing (K 4943).

Motto: PREPARED TO PREVAIL. Approved on 14 Aug 1979.



37th Training Wing

Established as 37th Fighter-Bomber Wing on 3 Mar 1953. Activated on 8 Apr 1953. Inactivated on 25 Jun 1953. Redesignated 37th Tactical Fighter Wing, and activated, on 26 Oct 1966. Organized on 1 Mar 1967. Inactivated on 31 Mar 1970. Activated on 30 Mar 1981. Redesignated 37th Fighter Wing on 1 Oct 1991. Inactivated on 8 Jul 1992. Redesignated 37th Training Wing, and activated, on 1 Jul 1993.

Assignments

Ninth Air Force, 8 Apr–25 Jun 1953. Pacific Air Forces, 26 Oct 1966; Seventh Air Force, 1 Mar 1967–31 Mar 1970. 831st Air Division, 30 Mar 1981; Twelfth Air Force, 5 Oct 1989–8 Jul 1992. Second Air Force, 1 Jul 1993–.

Components

Group. 37th Fighter-Bomber (later, 37th Operations): 8 Apr–25 Jun 1953; 1 Nov 1991–8 Jul 1992.

Squadrons. 174th: 14 May 1968–11 May 1969. 355th: attached 3 Feb–4 Jul 1968, assigned 5 Jul 1968–15 May 1969. 389th: 15 Jun 1969–31 Mar 1970. 415th: 5 Oct 1989–1 Nov 1991. 416th: 15 Apr 1967–27 May 1969; 5 Oct 1989–1 Nov 1991. 417th Tactical Fighter Training (later, 417th Fighter): 5 Oct 1989–1 Nov 1991. 480th: 15 Apr 1969–31 Mar 1970. 561st: 30 Mar 1981–5 Oct 1989. 562d Tactical Fighter Training: 30 Mar 1981–5 Oct 1989. 563d: 30 Mar 1981–5 Oct 1989.

Detachment. Det 1, 612th Tactical Fighter Squadron: attached 8 Jun 1967–13 Apr 1969.

Stations

Clovis AFB, NM, 8 Apr–25 Jun 1953. Phu Cat AB, South Vietnam, 1 Mar 1967–31 Mar 1970. George AFB, CA, 30 Mar 1981; Tonopah Test Range, NV, 5 Oct 1989–8 Jul 1992. Lackland AFB, TX, 1 Jul 1993–.

Commanders

Lt Col George W. Bacon, 8 Apr 1953; Col Wallace E. Hopkins, 27 Apr 1953; Col Stephen B. Mack, 4 May–25 Jun 1953. None (not manned), 26 Oct 1966–28 Feb 1967; unkn, 1 Mar–5 May 1967; Col Raymond C. Lee, Jr., 6 May 1967; Col Edwin A. Schneider, 15 May 1967; Col Leroy J. Manor, 15 May 1968; Col Harry B. Trimble, 1 May 1969–31 Mar 1970. Col Luther E. Thweatt, 30 Mar 1981; Col Joseph W. Ashy, 10 Aug 1982; Col Ronald C. Spivey, 7 May 1984; Brig Gen Larry L. Henry, 12 May 1986; Col Russell A. Everts, 17 May 1988; Col Anthony J. Tolin, 5 Oct 1989; Col Alton C. Whitley, 17 Aug 1990–8 Jul 1992.

Aircraft

F–100, 1967–1969; F–4, 1969–1970. F–4, 1981–1989; T–38, 1989–1992; F–117, 1989–1992.

Operations

Not tactically operational, 1953. The 37th Combat Support Group was already operational at Phu Cat AB, South Vietnam, when the wing organized in 1967. Personnel for the wing headquarters and tactical components were in transit from the United States and elsewhere, and tactical operations did not commence until mid-April. Combat in Southeast Asia, 15 Apr 1967–31 Mar 1970. Flew interdiction, bombardment, escort, and close air support missions. From Jun 1967 to May 1969, also used F–100F two-place aircraft for visual and weather reconnaissance and forward air control operations. Activated on 30 Mar 1981, gaining a portion of the assets of the 35th Tactical Fighter Wing at George AFB, CA. Equipped with F–4G “Wild Weasel” radar suppression aircraft. As the only “Wild Weasel” training wing in the world, it provided instructor pilots and qualified aircrews for the other two “Wild Weasel” wings in the Philippines and Germany. Participated in numerous tactical, maritime, and electronic warfare exercises locally and worldwide in hunter/killer tactics, suppression of enemy air defenses, force escort operations and dissimilar air combat training with US Armed Forces, Air National Guard and Reserves, and various allies. Served as an advisor to many Air National Guard units, 30 Mar 1981–30 Mar 1984. Won the United States Air Force Worldwide Fighter gunnery meet, 1985 and 1987. Turned over F–4G aircraft to 35th TFW and moved to Tonopah Test Range, NV, without personnel and equipment on 5 Oct 1989, absorbing the manpower, equipment, and the world’s first Stealth fighter, the F–117A, of the former 4450th Tactical Group. Trained to integrate stealth technology with more conventional methods of combat operations. Dropped the first bombs to begin the invasion of Panama on 20 Dec 1989. Began deploying to Southwest Asia in Aug 1990. On 17 Jan 1991, Stealth fighters hit 26 high-value Iraqi targets in and around Baghdad. Continued interdiction missions throughout the remainder of the air war. Personnel and aircraft remained on indefinite alert in Saudi Arabia as a component member of Central Air Forces’ (CENTAF) post-Desert Storm task force in Southwest Asia. After departure of the F–117 Stealth Fighters in May–Jul 1992, the 37th Fighter Wing inactivated. A year later, it replaced Lackland Training Center at Lackland AFB, TX, as the 37th Training Wing, assigned to Air Education and Training Command.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

Vietnam: Vietnam Air Offensive; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air/Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; TET 69/Counter offensive; Vietnam Summer–Fall, 1969; Vietnam Winter–Spring, 1970. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Presidential Unit Citation: Vietnam, 1 Jul–31 Dec 1968. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat “V” Device: 1 Apr 1967–30 Jun 1968; 1 Apr 1969–31 Mar 1970. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jun 1985–31 May 1987; 16 Mar 1990–15 Mar 1992. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 1 Mar 1967–30 Mar 1970.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 37th Operations Group prior to 8 Apr 1953.

Service Streamers. World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers. None.

Decorations. None.

Emblem

Azure, a saltire within a diminished bordure Or. *Motto:* DEFENDERS OF THE CROSSROADS. Approved for 37th Gp on 23 Jun 1941 and for 37th Wg on 4 Aug 1953; reinstated on 10 Mar 1992 (K 7006); replaced emblem approved on 23 Mar 1990 (DFSC 91–00143).



38th Engineering Installation Wing

Established as 38th Bombardment Wing, Light, on 10 Aug 1948. Activated on 18 Aug 1948. Inactivated on 1 Apr 1949. Activated on 1 Jan 1953. Redesignated: 38th Bombardment Wing, Tactical, on 1 Oct 1955; 38th Tactical Missile Wing on 18 Jun 1958. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 25 Sep 1966. Redesignated 38th Flying Training Wing on 22 Mar 1972. Activated on 1 Aug 1972. Inactivated on 30 Sep 1973. Activated on 1 Dec 1973. Inactivated on 1 Dec 1975. Redesignated 38th Tactical Missile Wing on 4 Dec 1984. Activated on 1 Apr 1985. Inactivated on 22 Aug 1990. Redesignated 38th Engineering Installation Wing on 1 Nov 1994. Activated on 8 Nov 1994.

Assignments

315th Air Division, 18 Aug 1948–1 Apr 1949. Twelfth Air Force, 1 Jan 1953; United States Air Forces in Europe, 1 Jan 1958; Seventeenth Air Force, 15 Nov 1959–25 Sep 1966. Air Training Command, 1 Aug 1972–30 Sep 1973. Air Training Command, 1 Dec 1973–1 Dec 1975. Seventeenth Air Force, 1 Apr 1985–22 Aug 1990. Electronic Systems Center, 8 Nov 1994–.

Components

Groups: 38th: 18 Aug 1948–1 Apr 1949; 1 Jan 1953–8 Dec 1957. 585th: 18 Jun 1958–25 Sep 1962. 586th: 18 Jun 1958–25 Sep 1962. 587th: 18 Jun 1958–25 Sep 1962.

Squadrons: 70th: 1 Aug 1972–30 Sep 1973; 1 Dec 1973–1 Dec 1975. 71st: 8 Dec 1957–18 Jun 1958; 25 Sep 1962–1 Oct 1965; 1 Aug 1972–30 Sep 1973; 1 Dec 1973–1 Dec 1975. 89th: 25 Sep 1962–25 Sep 1966; 1 Apr 1985–22 Aug 1990. 405th: 8 Dec 1957–18 Jun 1958; 25 Sep 1962–25 Sep 1966. 822d: 8 Dec 1957–18 Jun 1958; 25 Sep 1962–25 Sep 1966. 823d: 25 Sep 1962–25 Sep 1966. 887th: 25 Sep 1962–25 Sep 1966.

Stations

Itami Afd, Japan, 18 Aug 1948–1 Apr 1949. Laon AB, France, 1 Jan 1953; Hahn AB, Germany, 18 Jun 1958; Sembach AB, Germany, 20 Aug 1959–25 Sep 1966. Laredo AFB, TX, 1 Aug 1972–30 Sep 1973. Moody AFB, GA, 1 Dec 1973–1 Dec 1975. Wueschheim AS, Germany, 1 Apr 1985–22 Aug 1990. Tinker AFB, OK, 8 Nov 1994–.

Commanders

Col Preston P. Pender, 18 Aug 1948; Col Robert W. Witty, 16 Nov 1948–1 Apr 1949. Col William L. Kennedy, 1 Jan 1953; Col Albert W. Satterwhite, 4 Jul 1954; Col Wilbur W. Aring, 17 Jul 1954; Col John N. Ewbank, Jr., 20 Jul 1957; Col Theodore H. Runyon, 18 Jun 1958; Col Arthur T. Frontczak, 15 Jul 1958; Col Harry J. Sands, Jr., 21 Jul 1958; Col Arthur T. Frontczak, 16 Jun 1961; Col Rollo C. Lawrence, 6 Jun 1962; Col Linus F. Upson, Jr., 4 Aug 1963; Col Otto R. Haney, 10 Aug 1963; Col Britt S. May, 18 Jun 1965; Col Bertram A. Kibler, Jr., 5 Jul–25 Sep 1966. Col LeRoy W. Svendsen, Jr., 1 Aug 1972; Col Robert W. Bazley, 8 Nov 1972–30 Sep 1973. Col Philip C. Gast, 1 Dec 1973; Col George T. Kertesz, 11 Apr 1975; Col Frank D. Hardee, 12 Sep–1 Dec 1975. Col Bruce M. Westbrook, 1 Apr 1985; Col Dennis K. Hummel, 13 Feb 1987; Col Richard A. Myers, 16 Aug 1988–22 Aug 1990.

Aircraft and Missiles

A (later, B)–26, 1948–1949. B–26, 1953–1956; B–57, 1955–1958; Matador, 1958–1962; Mace, 1960–1966. T–37, 1972–1973; T–38, 1972–1973. T–37, 1973–1975; T–38, 1973–1975. Gryphon (BGM–109G), 1986–1990.

Operations

Assisted in the air defense of Japan and participated in tactical exercises, Aug 1948–Mar 1949. Participated in tactical operations, tests, and exercises of US Air Forces in Europe with B–26 and B–57 aircraft, 1953–1958. In Jun 1958, replaced 701st Tactical Missile Wing at Hahn AB, Germany, and became involved in tactical missile operations and training with TM–61 Matador and later with TM–76 (later, MGM–13) Mace tactical missiles. Inactivated in Sep 1966. Replaced, and absorbed resources of the 3640th Pilot Training Wing at Laredo AFB, TX, on 1 Aug 1972 and performed pilot training to 28 Aug 1973. Replaced, and absorbed resources of the 3550th Pilot Training Wing at Moody AFB, GA, on 1 Dec 1973. Performed pilot training until 21 Nov 1975. Replaced by 347th Tactical Fighter Wing and inactivated on 1 Dec 1975. Tactical missile operations, equipped with ground-launched cruise missiles to counter Soviet intermediate-range ballistic missiles, 1986–1990. The Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty with the Soviet Union which went into force on 1 Jun 1988 led to inactivation of the wing on 22 Aug 1990.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Apr 1956–1 Mar 1958; 1 Apr 1959–30 Jan 1961; 1 Jun 1964–1 Jun 1966; 1 Apr 1985–30 Jun 1986; 1 Jul 1986–30 Jun 1988; 1 Jul 1988–31 May 1990.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 38th Bombardment Group prior to 18 Aug 1948.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. World War II: Air Offensive, Japan; China Defensive; Papua; Northern Solomons; New Guinea; Bismarck Archipelago; Western Pacific; Leyte; Luzon; Southern Philippines.

Decorations. Distinguished Unit Citations: Papua, [Sep] 1942–23 Jan 1943; New Britain, 24–26 Dec 1943; New Guinea, 16–17 Jun 1944; Leyte, 10 Nov 1944. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII).

Emblem

Azure, a wing sword point to base Argent enfiling a fleur-de-lis Or surmounting a globe in base Celeste gridlined of the first all within a diminished bordure of the third. Approved in 1995; replaced emblems approved on 11 Dec 1958 (K 10844) and 16 Apr 1954 (49653 AC).

Motto: VALOR WITH PROGRESS. Approved on 11 Dec 1958.



39th Wing

Established as 39th Bombardment Group (Heavy) on 20 Nov 1940. Activated on 15 Jan 1941. Redesignated 39th Bombardment Group, Very Heavy, on 28 Mar 1944. Inactivated on 1 Apr 1944. Activated on 1 Apr 1944. Inactivated on 27 Dec 1945. Redesignated 39th Tactical Group, and activated, on 14 Mar 1966. Organized on 1 Apr 1966. Consolidated (31 Jan 1984) with the 39th Bombardment Wing, Heavy, which was established, and activated, on 15 Nov 1962. Organized on 1 Feb 1963. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 25 Jun 1965. Redesignated 39th Wing on 1 Oct 1993.

Assignments

5th Bombardment Wing, 15 Jan 1941; II Bomber Command, 5 Sep 1941; 16th Bombardment Operational Training Wing, 4 Sep 1943–1 Apr 1944. XXI Bomber Command, 1 Apr 1944 (attached to 17th Bombardment Operational Training Wing, Very Heavy, c. 15 Apr 1944–8 Jan 1945); 314th Bombardment Wing, Very Heavy, c. 18 Feb–27 Dec 1945. Strategic Air Command, 15 Nov 1962; 822d Air Division, 1 Feb 1963–25 Jun 1965. United States Air Forces in Europe, 14 Mar 1966; 7217th Air Division (Command), 1 Apr 1966; Sixteenth Air Force, 9 Sep 1970; TUSLOG, [The United States Logistics Group], 15 Oct 1971; Sixteenth Air Force, 17 Jul 1992–.

Components

Group: 39th Operations: 1 Oct 1993–.

Squadrons: 12th Reconnaissance (later, 402d Bombardment): attached 15 Jan 1941–24 Feb 1942, assigned 25 Feb 1942–1 Apr 1944; assigned 1 Apr–10 May 1944. 60th: 15 Jan 1941–1 Apr 1944; 1 Apr 1944–27 Dec 1945. 61st: 15 Jan 1941–1 Apr 1944; 1 Apr 1944–27 Dec 1945. 62d: 15 Jan 1941–1 Apr 1944; 1 Apr 1944–27 Dec 1945; 1 Feb 1963–25 Jun 1965.

Stations

Ft Douglas, UT, 15 Jan 1941; Geiger Field, WA, 2 Jul 1941; Davis-Monthan Field, AZ, 5 Feb 1942–1 Apr 1944. Smoky Hill AAFld, KS, 1 Apr 1944–8 Jan 1945; North Field, Guam, 18 Feb–17 Nov 1945; Camp Anza, CA, 15–27 Dec 1945. Eglin AFB, FL, 1 Feb 1963–25 Jun 1965. Incirlik AB (later, Incirlik Common Defense Installation; Incirlik Installation), 1 Apr 1966–.

Commanders

Maj Newton Longfellow, 15 Jan 1941; Capt Maurice A. Preston, 1 Feb 1941; Lt Col Elmer E. Adler, 17 Mar 1941; Capt George W. Hansen, 13 May 1941; Maj Charles B. Overacker, Jr., 12 Nov 1941; Lt Col George W. Hansen, 25 Jan 1942; Col James H. Wallace, 16 Feb 1942; Col Fay R. Upthegrove, 12 Jul 1942; Lt Col Samuel C. Mitchell, 13 Sep 1942; Maj Marden M. Munn, 17 Dec 1942; Lt Col Horace D. Aynesworth, 1 Mar 1943; Lt Col Charles A. Watt, 1 Jul 1943; Lt Col Frank R. Pancake, 25 Nov 1943; Col Clyde K. Rich, 1 Dec 1943–1 Apr 1944. None (not manned), 1–27 Apr 1944; Capt Claude J. Hilton, 28 Apr 1944; Maj Gordon R. Willis, 6 May 1944; Maj Campbell Weir, 11 May 1944; Lt Col Robert W. Strong, Jr., 10 Jun 1944; Col Potter B. Paige, 15 Jun 1944; Col John G. Fowler, 22 Feb 1945; Col George

W. Mundy, 16 Mar 1945; Col James E. Roberts, 16 Aug 1945; Lt Col James C. Thompson, 9 Oct 1945; Col Robert J. Mason, 13 Oct 1945–unkn. None (not manned), 15 Nov 1962–31 Jan 1963; Col Earl L. Johnson, 1 Feb 1963; Col Fred W. Miller, 26 Jul 1963–25 Jun 1965. None (not manned), 14–31 Mar 1966; Col Leslie J. Westberg, 1 Apr 1966; Col Stephen P. Ham, 16 Jul 1966; Col Albert S. J. Tucker, Jr., 9 Jun 1968; Col Robert J. Rudd, 1 Aug 1968; Col Robert H. Clark, 2 Aug 1968; Col Dwaine L. Weatherwax, 13 May 1970; Col Bobby J. Mead, 20 Jun 1971; Col James A. Minish, 8 Jul 1971; Col William W. Gray, 23 Jan 1973; Col Clyde H. Garner, 17 Jun 1974; Col Richard L. Meyer, 11 Mar 1975; Col William L. Gibson, 9 Sep 1975; Col Elmer E. Nelson, 17 Sep 1975; Col Ellis C. Vander Pyl, Jr., 10 Jun 1977; Col Wade L. Green, 23 Mar 1979; Col Paul N. Chase, 20 Aug 1980; Col Robert M. Thompson, 5 Feb 1981; Col William T. Williams IV, 4 Jun 1982; Col Gordon L. Clouser, 13 May 1983; Col William J. Hentges, 18 Jun 1984; Col Harold C. Byrd, 25 Mar 1985; Col William M. Douglass, 26 Jun 1986; Col Roger C. Taylor, 29 Jun 1987; Col Thomas J. Lennon, 29 Feb 1988; Col John L. Nystrom, Jr., 3 May 1989; Col Gary R. Lorenz, 21 Dec 1990; Col John W. Rutledge, 20 Jun 1991; Col James D. Kula, 2 Sep 1992; Col Curtis H. Emery II, 7 Oct 1992–.

Aircraft

B–17, 1941–1942; B–25, 1941; B–24, 1942–1944. B–29, 1944–1945. B–52, 1963–1965. Controlled the aircraft of deployed units, 1966–.

Operations

The 39th Bombardment Group patrolled the northwest coast of the US after the nation entered World War II. Served as an operational training and later as a replacement training unit, 1942–Apr 1944. Trained as a heavy bombardment unit in 1944. Moved to Guam early in 1945 as part of Twentieth Air Force. Conducted its first mission against the Japanese home islands in Apr 1945. Supported Allied invasion of Okinawa by attacking airfields that served as bases for kamikaze pilots. Bombed military and industrial targets in Japan and participated in incendiary raids on urban areas from mid-May until the end of the war. Received a Distinguished Unit Citation for an attack against the Otake oil refinery and storage area on Honshu on 10 May 1945. Received a second Distinguished Unit Citation for bombing industrial and dock areas in Yokohama and manufacturing districts in Tokyo, 23–29 May 1945. Returned to the United States, Nov–Dec 1945. Inactivated on 27 Dec 1945. The 39th Bombardment Wing organized on 1 Feb 1963, and trained to maintain combat readiness for strategic

bombardment on global scale, 1963–1965. Maintained airborne alert, ground alert, and participated in numerous exercises until inactivation on 25 Jun 1965. The 39th Tactical Group replaced the 7216th Combat Support Group on 1 Apr 1966 to control permanent support units and deployed weapons training detachments at Incirlik, Turkey. Known as TUSLOG (The United States Logistics Group) Detachment 10 within Turkey until 1 Oct 1982, it supported the USAFE and NATO operational missions in the Middle East. Provided disaster relief and mercy missions as required during fires, floods, earthquakes, and other such disasters. Provided support for US and NATO forces during operations in Southwest Asia and Eastern Europe, Aug 1990–.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Western Pacific; Air Offensive, Japan.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Japan, 10 May 1945; Japan, 23–29 May 1945.

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1974–30 Jun 1975; 1 Jul 1981–30 Jun 1983; 24 Jun–1 Jul 1985; 1 Sep 1985–31 Aug 1987; 1 Sep 1988–31 Jul 1990.

Emblem

Azure, two bendlets sinister conjoined and enarched fesswise at sinister chief and dexter base Gules over Argent surmounted by six flight symbols ascending bendwise in triangular formation per bend three, two, one.

Approved on 21 Nov 1994; replaced emblem approved on 14 Dec 1962 (K 13547).



42d Air Base Wing

Established as 42d Bombardment Group (Medium) on 20 Nov 1940. Activated on 15 Jan 1941. Redesignated 42d Bombardment Group, Medium, on 6 Sep 1944. Inactivated on 10 May 1946. Consolidated (31 Jan 1984) with the 42d Bombardment Wing, Heavy, which was established on 19 Feb 1953. Activated on 25 Feb 1953. Redesignated: 42d Wing on 1 Sep 1991; 42d Bomb Wing on 1 Jun 1992. Inactivated on 30 Sep 1994. Redesignated 42d Air Base Wing, and activated, on 1 Oct 1994.

Assignments

Northwest Air District (later, Second Air Force), 16 Jan 1941 (attached to 20th Bombardment Wing, 16 Jan–1 Sep 1941); 2d (later, II) Bomber Command, 5 Sep 1941; IV Bomber Command, 25 Jan 1942; XIII Bomber Command, 14 Mar 1943 (attached to 308th Bombardment Wing, Heavy, c. 24 Aug–2 Sep 1944; 310th Bombardment Wing, Medium, 3–c. 14 Sep 1944; Thirteenth Air Task Force, c. 15–30 Sep 1944; XIII Fighter Command, 1 Oct 1944–8 Jan 1945; XIII Bomber Command Rear Echelon, 9 Jan–21 Feb 1945; XIII Fighter Command, c. 22 Mar–c. Sep 1945); Fifth Air Force, 25 Dec 1945; 310th Bombardment Wing, Medium, 31 Jan 1946; V Fighter Command, 25 Mar–10 May 1946. Eighth Air Force, 25 Feb 1953; 45th Air Division, 8 Oct 1954 (attached to 7th Air Division, 18 Oct–18 Nov 1955); Eighth Air Force, 18 Jan 1958; 45th Air Division, 1 Dec 1958; Eighth Air Force, 29 Mar 1989; Ninth Air Force, 1 Jun 1992–30 Sep 1994. Air University, 1 Oct 1994–.

Components

Group: 42d Operations: 1 Sep 1991–31 Jan 1994.

Squadrons: 16th Reconnaissance (later, 406th Bombardment): attached 15 Jan 1941–2 Mar 1942, assigned 3 Mar 1942–25 Feb 1943 (air echelon detached 3 Jun 1942–25 Feb 1943; ground echelon detached 10 Nov 1942–25 Feb 1943). 42d Air Refueling: 18 Jan 1955–1 Sep 1991. 69th: 26 Feb 1943–10 May 1946 (detached 26 Feb–c. 15 Apr 1943); 25 Feb 1953–1 Sep 1991. 70th: 26 Feb 1943–10 May 1946 (detached 26 Feb–c. 15 Apr 1943); 25 Feb 1953–25 Jun 1966. 75th: 15 Jan 1941–10 May 1946; 25 Feb 1953–15 Oct 1959. 76th: 15 Jan 1941–12 Feb 1943 (air echelon detached c. 21 May 1942–12 Feb 1943). 77th: 15 Jan 1941–2 Feb 1942. 106th Reconnaissance (later, 100th Bombardment): attached Jan 1944, assigned 1 Feb 1944–11 Dec 1945. 390th: 20 Mar 1942–27 Jan 1946. 407th Air Refueling: 2 Jul 1968–1 Oct 1990.

Stations

Ft Douglas, UT, 15 Jan 1941; Gowen Field, ID, c. 3 Jun 1941; McChord Field, WA, c. 18 Jan 1942–15 Mar 1943; Fiji Islands, 22 Apr 1943 (air echelon); Carney Field, Guadalcanal, 11 May 1943 (ground echelon), 6 Jun 1943 (air echelon); Russell Islands, c. 21 Oct 1943; Stirling Island, 20 Jan 1944; Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, 24 Aug 1944 (air echelon); Cape Sansapor, Dutch New Guinea, 24 Aug 1944 (ground echelon), c. 15 Sep 1944 (air echelon); Morotai, Philippines, 23 Feb 1945 (air echelon); Puerto

Princesa, Palawan Island, Mar 1945; Itami Airfield, Japan, 31 Jan–10 May 1946. Limestone (later, Loring) AFB, ME, 25 Feb 1953–30 Sep 1994. Maxwell AFB, AL, 1 Oct 1994–.

Commanders

Col John V. Hart, 15 Jan 1941; Col Harry E. Wilson, 29 Jul 1942; Maj Edwin J. Latosewski, 14 Dec 1942; Lt Col Guy L. Hudson, Jan 1943; Col Harry E. Wilson, 22 Apr 1943; Col Charles C. Kegelman, 16 Nov 1944; Lt Col James B. Henson, 9 Mar 1945; Lt Col Harry C. Harvey, 15 Mar 1945; Col Paul F. Helmick, 10 May 1945; Lt Col Harry E. Goldsworthy, Sep 1945; Maj Thomas B. Waddel, Mar–10 May 1946. None (not manned), 25 Feb 1953; Col Frederick R. Ramputi, 26 Feb 1953; Col Bertram C. Harrison, 4 Apr 1953; Col William B. Campbell, 28 Feb 1954; Brig Gen Bertram C. Harrison, (by 16) Mar 1954; Col Jerome Tarter, 8 Oct 1954; Col Don W. Bailey, 4 May 1956; Col Woodrow P. Swancutt, 14 May 1956; Col Donald E. Hillman, 1 Jun 1956; Brig Gen William K. Martin, 18 Jan 1958; Col Don W. Bailey, 11 Jun 1958; Col Selmon W. Wells, 23 Jun 1958; Col John W. Gaff, Jr., 24 Nov 1958; Col Walter V. Gresham, Jr., 25 May 1960; Col William H. Reddell, 31 May 1960; Col Robert J. Nolan, 25 Jul 1963; Col Clifton Pyle, 10 Jul 1964; Col William M. Shy, 11 Jul 1966; Col Eugene L. Hudson, 13 Jul 1968; Col James E. Maxwell, 17 Apr 1970; Col John R. Kelly, Jr., 12 Jan 1971; Col Robert J. Bogan, 13 Feb 1972; Col James H. McGrath, 23 Mar 1972; Col Ruger W. Winchester, 9 Jun 1972; Col James H. McGrath, 8 Dec 1972; Col Grady L. Friday, 13 Oct 1973; Col Robert E. Chapman, 12 Sep 1974; Col Larry S. DeVall, 15 Nov 1975; Col Marion F. Tidwell, 11 Apr 1978 (temporary); Col Larry S. DeVall, 19 May 1978; Col Marion F. Tidwell, 25 Aug 1978; Col Robert B. Strain, 6 Jun 1979; Col Ellie G. Shuler, Jr., 22 Jul 1980; Col Donald L. Marks, 3 Sep 1981; Col Orthus K. Lewis, Jr., 19 Aug 1982; Col Stanley O. Smith, 12 Oct 1983; Col John T. Shepard, 4 Mar 1985; Col Thomas C. O'Malley, 21 Apr 1986; Col Larry C. Hammack, 9 Jun 1988; Col Terry A. Burke, 18 Sep 1989; Col Gary N. Schneider, 20 May 1991–.

Aircraft

B–18, 1941–1942; B–26, 1941–1942, 1943; A–29, 1942–1943; B–25, 1942, 1943–1945; A–26, 1946; A–20, 1946. B–36, 1953–1956; KC–97, 1955–1957; B–52, 1956–1993; KC–135, 1957–1992.

Operations

Began training in B-26s, Oct 1941–Jan 1942. Patrolled the Northwest Pacific Coast and trained in B-25s to rotate combat crews for the Alaskan Defense Command. Arrived in New Caledonia in Apr 1943. Entered combat in Jun 1943, operating from Guadalcanal, and later from other bases in the Solomon Islands. Attacked Japanese airfields, personnel areas, gun positions, and shipping in the central Solomons. Engaged primarily in the neutralization of enemy airfields and harbor facilities on New Britain, but also supported ground forces on Bougainville and attacked shipping in the northern Solomons and the Bismarcks, Jan–Jul 1944. Bombed airfields and installations on New Guinea, Celebes, and Halmahera, and flew photographic reconnaissance missions, Aug 1944–Jan 1945. Moved to the Philippines in Feb–Mar 1945. Attacked shipping along the China coast, struck targets in French Indochina, bombed airfields and installations in the Philippines, and supported ground operations on Mindanao. Also supported Australian forces on Borneo during May and Jun 1945. Received a Distinguished Unit Citation for its pre-invasion bombing of Balikpapan, 23–30 Jun 1945. Ended combat service, attacking isolated Japanese units on Luzon, Jul–Aug 1945. Primary operations for the 42d Bombardment Wing when it activated at Limestone (later, Loring) AFB in 1953 consisted of base buildup. Operational training did not start until Apr 1953 because squadrons had to be formed “from scratch” All operational squadrons were flying by Aug 1953. In 1954 and 1955, portions of the wing twice deployed at Upper Heyford and Burtonwood, England, and the entire wing deployed at Upper Heyford, 18 Oct–18 Nov 1955. Gained an air refueling mission in 1955 and converted from B-36 to B-52 bombers in 1956. Operated out of Ramey AFB, Puerto Rico (bombers), and Goose AB, Labrador (tankers), while runway repairs were made at Loring, 10 Jul–5 Oct 1959. Supported SAC’s bombardment and air refueling operations in Southeast Asia from the mid-1960s to mid-1975 furnishing aircraft and aircrews, and at times, support personnel to other units. Participated in strategic and tactical exercises worldwide with B-52s and provided tankers to support USAF needs for air refueling after 1975. Won the Omaha Trophy as “the outstanding wing in SAC for 1977.” Deployed personnel, aircraft and equipment to Southwest Asia, 7 Aug 1990–c. 12 Apr 1991. Began preparations for closure of Loring AFB in Oct 1991. Lost air refueling mission in Jun 1992.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater; New Guinea; Northern Solomons; Bismarck Archipelago; Western Pacific; Leyte; Luzon; Southern Philippines; China Defensive; China Offensive. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: Balikpapan, Borneo, 23–30 Jun 1945. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award: 1 Jul 1986–30 Jun 1988. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation.

Emblem

Azure, on a bend engrailed Or, four annulets Gules, between two aerial bombs palewise of the second all within a diminished bordure of the second. *Motto:* AETHERA NOBIS — The Skies for Us. Approved on 11 Mar 1942, (K 8018).



45th Space Wing

Established as Air Force Division, Joint Long Range Proving Ground, and organized, on 1 Oct 1949. Redesignated: Long Range Proving Ground Division on 16 May 1950; Air Force Missile Test Center on 30 Jun 1951; Air Force Eastern Test Range on 15 May 1964. Inactivated on 1 Feb 1977. Redesignated Eastern Space and Missile Center, and activated, on 1 Oct 1979. Redesignated 45th Space Wing on 12 Nov 1991.

Assignments

Headquarters Command, USAF, 1 Oct 1949; United States Air Force, 16 May 1950; Air Research and Development (later, Air Force Systems) Command, 14 May 1951; National Range Division, 15 May 1964; Air Force Systems Command, 1 Feb 1972–1 Feb 1977. Space and Missile Test Organization, 1 Oct 1979; Space Systems Division, 1 Oct 1989; 9th Space Division, 1 Oct 1990; Air Force Space Command, 1 Oct 1991; Fourteenth Air Force, 20 Sep 1993–.

Components

Wings. 4800th Guided Missile (later, 6555th Guided Missile Wing; 6555th Guided Missile Group): 30 Dec 1950–7 Sep 1954. 6541st Missile Test (later, 6541st Operations Group [Range]): 4 Sep 1951–7 Sep 1954.

Groups. 45th Operations: 12 Nov 1991–. 6550th Test (Missile): 1 Jul–1 Oct 1955. 6555th Guided Missiles (Test and Evaluation) (later, 6555th Aerospace Test): 15 Aug–21 Dec 1959; 1 Oct 1979–1 Oct 1990.

Squadrons. 1st Space Launch: 1 Oct 1990–12 Nov 1991. 6550th Operations: 7 Sep 1954–1 Jul 1955; 1 Oct 1955–1 Feb 1960. 1st Pilotless Bomber: 1 Oct 1951–1 Feb 1952 (detached). 6555th Guided Missile (later, 6555th Guided Missiles): 7 Sep 1954–1 Jul 1955; 1 Oct 1955–15 Aug 1959.

Stations

Patrick AFB, FL, 1 Oct 1949–1 Feb 1977. Patrick AFB, FL, 1 Oct 1979–.

Commanders

Col Harold R. Turner, 1 Oct 1949; Maj Gen William L. Richardson, 10 Apr 1950; Maj Gen Donald N. Yates, 1 Aug 1954; Maj Gen Leighton I. Davis, 31 May 1960; Brig Gen Harry J. Sands, Jr., 2 Jan 1964; Col Elmer W. Richardson, 17 Jul 1964; Maj Gen Vincent G. Huston, 12 Aug 1964; Maj Gen David M. Jones, 5 May 1967; Maj Gen Kenneth R. Chapman, 1 Jun 1973; Brig Gen James H. Ahmann, 25 Aug 1974; Col Dan D. Oxley, 25 Feb 1975; Brig Gen Don M. Hartung, 6 Apr 1975–1 Feb 1977. Col John S. Burkland, 1 Oct 79; Col Marvin L. Jones, 1 May 1981; Brig Gen Nathan J. Lindsay, 14 Dec 1984; Col John W. Mansur, 25 Jun 1986; Col Lawrence L. Gooch, 13 Aug 1987; Col Roy D. Bridges, Jr., 23 Mar 1989; Col John R. Wormington, 27 Jan 1990; Brig Gen Jimmey R. Morrell, 23 Sep 1991–.

Operations

Organized to maintain and operate the proving ground facilities in coordination and collaboration with other agencies of the national guided

missile program. Provided static and flight testing to meet requirements of Army, Navy, and Air Force research and development programs, including operational experimentation and training. From May 1950 to May 1951 had separate operating agency status, assigned directly to the United States Air Force. Maintained and operated the Eastern Test Range and its affiliated facilities in support of Department of Defense, National Air and Space Administration, and other test and evaluation agencies and activities authorized by the Air Force Systems Command, 1951–1977 and 1979–. Operated “Down-Range” facilities at Antigua, Ascension Island, Grand Bahama and Grand Turk islands, and at Cape Canaveral, Florida, 1951–1977 and 1979–. After Oct 1979 launched Department of Defense (DOD) payloads into orbit and collected flight data for evaluation of ballistic missile systems launched from the Eastern Launch sites for the DOD, NASA and commercial customers. Provided support for DOD, NASA, and commercial manned and unmanned space programs in addition to providing host-base responsibilities at Patrick AFB, FL.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Dec 1979–30 Nov 1981; 1 Oct 1991–30 Sep 1992. Air Force Organizational Excellence Awards: 1 Jun 1986–31 Dec 1987; 1 Oct 1988–30 Sep 1990; 1 Oct 1990–30 Jun 1991; 1 Oct 1991–30 Sep 1992. Meritorious Unit Commendation (Navy): 1 Jul 1967–26 Jul 1969.

Emblem

Per pale, per fess enhanced embattled grady Azure and Or, per pale fess enhanced potente Or and Azure, overall in fess point a sphere per pale of the first and Celeste gridlined Blue, charged with a bar nebuly Argent orbited by an arc of nine flight symbols, Gules and debriused in dexter chief by a rondel per pale Azure and Celeste, all within a diminished bordure, Yellow. Approved on 19 Jul 1967 (KE 6349); replaced emblem approved on 16 Mar 1951 (42790 A.C.).



46th Test Wing

Established as 46th Bombardment Group (Light) on 20 Nov 1940. Activated on 15 Jan 1941. Disestablished on 1 May 1944. Reestablished, and consolidated (31 Jan 1984) with the 46th Aerospace Defense Wing, which was established on 10 Feb 1975. Activated on 15 Mar 1975. Inactivated on 1 Apr 1983. Redesignated 46th Test Wing on 24 Sep 1992. Activated on 1 Oct 1992.

Assignments

Air Force Combat Command, 15 Jan 1941; V Air Support Command (later, Ninth Air Force), 1 Sep 1941; Third Air Force, 18 Apr 1942; XII Bomber Command, 2 May 1942; III Bomber Command, 8 May 1942; Second Air Force, c. 8 Jul 1942; I Ground Air Support Command, c. 10 Nov 1942; III Air Support Command, 25 Jan 1943; III Bomber Command, 6 Aug 1943–1 May 1944. Aerospace Defense Command, 15 Mar 1975; 4th Air Division, 1 Oct 1979–1 Apr 1983. Air Force Development Test Center, 1 Oct 1992–.

Components

Group. 46th Operations: 8 Sep 1993–.

Squadrons. 8th Reconnaissance (later, 87th Bombardment): 15 Jan 1941–1 May 1944. 40th Test: 1 Oct 1992–8 Sep 1993. 46th Flying Training: 15 Mar 1975–1 Oct 1979. 46th Weather: 1 Oct 1992–8 Sep 1993. 50th Bombardment: 15 Jan 1941–1 May 1944. 51st Bombardment: 15 Jan 1941–1 May 1944. 53rd Bombardment: 15 Jan 1941–1 May 1944.

Flight: 32d Airlift: 31 May–1 Oct 1993.

Stations

Savannah, GA, 15 Jan 1941; Bowman Fld, KY, 20 May 1941; Barksdale Fld, LA, 2 Feb 1942; Galveston Muni Aprt, TX, 1 Apr 1942; Blythe AAB, CA, 23 May 1942; Will Rogers AAFld, OK, 10 Nov 1942; Drew Fld, FL, 9 Oct 1943; Morris Fld, NC, 6 Nov 1943–1 May 1944. Peterson Field (later, AFB), CO, 15 Mar 1975–1 Apr 1983. Eglin AFB, FL, 1 Oct 1992–.

Commanders

Maj Guy L. McNeil, 15 Jan 1941; Maj Otto C. George, 18 Apr 1941; Col Richard H. Lee, 9 May 1941; Lt Col Robert D. Gapen, 1 Nov 1942; Lt Col Martin P. Crabtree, 11 Apr 1943; Lt Col Robert V. DeShazo, 21 Jul 1943; Col Harold L. Mace, 13 Sep 1943; Lt Col Robert V. DeShazo, 21 Oct 1943–1 May 1944. Col Donald J. Parsons, 15 Mar 1975; Col Edward L. Ellis, 12 Aug 1976; Col Alfred H. Uhalt, Jr., 2 Mar 1977; Col William G. Dolan, Jr., 6 Aug 1979; Col Glenn A. Griffith, 6 Feb 1981–1 Apr 1983. Col Elton T. Pollock, 1 Oct 1992–.

Aircraft

A–20, 1941–1944; B–25, 1944. C–118, 1975; C–131, 1975; T–29, 1975; T–33, 1975–1979; T–37, 1975–1979; T–39, 1975; U–4, 1975–1979. RF–4, 1992–; F–15, 1992–; F–16, 1992–; F–111, 1992–; UH–1, 1992–; C–130, 1992–.

Operations

Activated on 15 Jan 1941, trained with A–20's and participated in maneuvers. Flew some antisubmarine patrols over the Gulf of Mexico early in 1942. Served as an operational training unit until late in 1943, then became a replacement training unit until 1 May 1944. Replaced 4600th Air Base Wing in Mar 1975, taking over the mission of administering facilities of North American Air Defense Command (NORAD), Air Defense Command (ADC), and Army Air Defense Command (ARADCOM) located on Ent AFB, Peterson Field (later, AFB), and Cheyenne Mountain Complex, plus various other nearby off-base facilities. Although the provision of administrative and logistical support was the wing's primary mission, its flying training squadron served NORAD and ADC mission requirements and provided flying training for cadets of the USAF Academy until 1 Oct 1979. Became part of Strategic Air Command in Oct 1979. Inactivated on 1 Apr 1983. Redesignated 46th Test Wing and activated 1 Oct 1992, replacing the 3246th Test Wing at Eglin AFB, FL. Designed and performed flight and ground developmental tests with uniquely modified aircraft and facilities for conventional weapons and electronic combat systems. Supported DOD components and numerous allied nations during test and exercises. Managed the largest test range in the free world.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1975–30 Jun 1977; 1 Jul 1977–30 Jun 1979, [1 Oct]–31 Dec 1992.

Emblem

Azure, a bend invected within a diminished bordure Or. *Motto:* PROOF BY TRIAL. Approved on 9 Dec 1993 (DFSC 94–02415); replaced emblems approved on 14 Jul 1942 (K 2654) and 25 Mar 1975 (K 12631).



47th Flying Training Wing

Established as 47th Bombardment Wing, Light, on 28 Jul 1947. Organized on 15 Aug 1947. Inactivated on 2 Oct 1949. Activated on 12 Mar 1951. Redesignated 47th Bombardment Wing, Tactical, on 1 Oct 1955. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 22 Jun 1962. Redesignated 47th Flying Training Wing on 22 Mar 1972. Activated on 1 Sep 1972.

Assignments

Twelfth Air Force, 15 Aug 1947–2 Oct 1949. Tactical Air Command, 12 Mar 1951 (attached to 49th Air Division, Operational, 12 Feb 1952–); Third Air Force, 5 Jun 1952 (remained attached to 49th Air Division, Operational, to 1 Jul 1956); Seventeenth Air Force, 1 Jul 1961–22 Jun 1962. Air Training Command, 1 Sep 1972; Nineteenth Air Force, 1 Jul 1993–.

Components

Wing. 392d: attached 27 Jun–2 Oct 1949.

Groups. 47th Bombardment (later, 47th Operations): 15 Aug 1947–2 Oct 1949; 12 Mar 1951–8 Feb 1955; 15 Dec 1991–. 4400th Combat Crew Training: attached 12 Mar 1951–12 Feb 1952.

Squadrons. 19th Tactical Reconnaissance: attached 7 May 1954–1 Dec 1956. 84th Bombardment: attached 17 Nov 1952–7 Feb 1955, assigned 8 Feb 1955–22 Jun 1962. 84th Flying Training: 2 Apr 1990–15 Dec 1991. 85th: attached 17 Nov 1952–7 Feb 1955, assigned 8 Feb 1955–22 Jun 1962; assigned 1 Sep 1972–15 Dec 1991. 86th: attached 23 Mar 1954–7 Feb 1955, assigned 8 Feb 1955–22 Jun 1962; assigned 1 Sep 1972–15 Dec 1991. 87th: 2 Apr 1990–15 Dec 1991. 420th Air Refueling: attached 15 Mar 1960–7 Nov 1961, assigned 8 Nov 1961–22 Jun 1962. 422d: attached 20 Dec 1953–23 Mar 1954.

Stations

Biggs Field (later, AFB), TX, 15 Aug 1947; Barksdale AFB, LA, 19 Nov 1948–2 Oct 1949. Langley AFB, VA, 12 Mar 1951–21 May 1952; Sculthorpe RAF Station (later, RAF Sculthorpe), England, 1 Jun 1952–22 Jun 1962. Laughlin AFB, TX, 1 Sep 1972–.

Commanders

Col William M. Prince, 15 Aug 1947; Col Newton Longfellow, Sep 1947; Col Willis F. Chapman, 19 Nov 1948–2 Oct 1949. Col Willis F. Chapman, 12 Mar 1951; Col Charles D. Jones, 1 Aug 1951; Col David M. Jones, 12 Feb 1952; Col John G. Glover, 16 Jun 1955; Brig Gen Joseph R. Holzapple, 30 Jun 1955; Col John G. Glover, Oct 1956; Col Reginald J. Clizbe, 29 Jun 1958; Col Kenneth C. Dempster, 19 Jun 1959; Col George H. Kneen, Jr., 1 Dec 1961–22 Jun 1962. Col Charles E. Woods, 1 Sep 1972; Col Harry Falls, Jr., 8 Jun 1973; Col Lawrence D. Garrison, 8 Jul 1975; Col Ralf M. Miller, 16 Aug 1977; Col Chris O. Divich, 21 Mar 1979; Col Anthony J. Farrington, Jr., 14 Aug 1981; Col Albert A. Gagliardi, Jr., 1 Mar 1983; Col

Jeffrey T. Ellis, 29 Nov 1984; Col John C. Griffith, 2 Jul 1986; Col Joseph S. Bleymaier, Jr., 24 Jul 1987; Col Willard Grosvenor, 1 Jun 1989; Col Donald G. Cook, 29 Jul 1991; Col Kenneth W. Hess, 29 Jul 1992–.

Aircraft

A (later, B)–26, 1947–1949; B–45, 1949. B–45, 1951–1958; B–26, 1951–1952; RB–45, 1954–1956; B–66, 1958–1962; KB–50, 1960–1962. T–41, 1972–1973; T–37, 1972–; T–38, 1972–.

Operations

Trained in night tactical operations, conducted firepower demonstrations, and participated in tactical exercises, 1947–1949. Trained in light bombardment operations, becoming proficient with nuclear weapons, 1951–1952. Provided combat crew training in B–26 aircraft and operated USAF Air Crew School (Light Bombardment and Tactical Reconnaissance, Night Photographic), May 1951–Feb 1952. Moved to England in mid-1952, and, for the next decade, performed tactical training operations, including participation in exercises and firepower demonstrations in support of NATO. Converted from B–45 to B–66 aircraft in 1958. Also performed air refueling with KB–50s, 1960–1962. Replaced, and absorbed resources of, the 3646th Pilot Training Wing at Laughlin AFB, TX, on 1 Sep 1972 and conducted undergraduate pilot training for USAF, Air Force Reserve, and friendly foreign nation air forces. Supported Accelerated Co-Pilot Enrichment Program at numerous locations, 1976–1986.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Awards

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1958–30 Jun 1960; 1 Jan–31 Dec 1973; 1 Jan 1976–28 Feb 1977; 1 Jan 1979–30 Apr 1980; 1 Apr 1986–31 Mar 1988; 16 Mar 1989–15 Mar 1991; 1 Jul 1991–30 Jun 1993.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 47th Operations Group for the period prior to 15 Aug 1947.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater; Algeria-French Morocco; Tunisia; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Anzio; Rome-Arno; Southern France; North Apennines; Po Valley; Air Combat; EAME Theater.

Decorations. Distinguished Unit Citations: North Africa, 22 Feb 1943; Po Valley, 21–24 Apr 1945.

Emblem

Per bend Azure and Celeste, a lightning bolt issuing from chief bendwise throughout Argent between in sinister chief a stylized wing Or and in dexter base an olive branch Vert; all within a diminished bordure of the fourth. Approved on 2 Jan 1973 (KE 51229); replaced emblem approved on 23 Jan 1952 (9859 A.C.).



48th Fighter Wing

Established as 48th Fighter-Bomber Wing on 25 Jun 1952. Activated on 10 Jul 1952.
Redesignated: 48th Tactical Fighter Wing on 8 Jul 1958; 48th Fighter Wing on
1 Oct 1991.

Assignments

Twelfth Air Force, 10 Jul 1952; United States Air Forces in Europe, 1 Jan 1958; Third Air Force, 1 Oct 1959; United States Air Forces in Europe, 12 Oct 1959; Seventeenth Air Force, 15 Nov 1959; Third Air Force, 15 Jan 1960; Seventeenth Air Force, 1 Jul 1961; Third Air Force, 1 Sep 1963–.

Components

Group. 48th Fighter-Bomber (later, 48th Operations): 10 Jul 1952–8 Dec 1957; 31 Mar 1992–.

Squadrons. 492d: attached 15 Mar–7 Dec 1957, assigned 8 Dec 1957–31 Mar 1992 (detached 20 Nov 1990–10 May 1991; Dec 1991–Mar 1992.) 493d: attached 15 Mar–7 Dec 1957, assigned 8 Dec 1957–18 Dec 1992 (detached 25 Aug 1990–11 Mar 1991; Mar–Jun 1992.) 494th: attached 15 Mar–7 Dec 1957, assigned 8 Dec 1957–31 Mar 1992 (detached 2 Sep 1990–15 Mar 1991; Sep–Dec 1991.) 495th: 1 Apr 1977–13 Dec 1991. 509th: attached 5 Oct 1957–15 Jan 1958.

Stations

Chaumont AB, France, 10 Jun 1952; RAF Lakenheath, England, 15 Jan 1960–.

Commanders

Col Joseph H. Moore, 10 Jul 1952; Col Chesley G. Peterson, 27 May 1953; Col William L. Leverette, 1 Jun 1955; Brig Gen Albert P. Clark, Jr., 1 Aug 1955; Col Stanton T. Smith, Jr., Dec 1956; Col Edward F. Roddy, 24 Jun 1959; Col Victor E. Warford, 4 Aug 1959; Col Emmett S. Davis, 1 May 1961; Col Robert L. Petit, 6 Jun 1962; Col Allen P. Rankin, 1 Jun 1964; Col Ross L. Blachly, 3 Aug 1964; Col Edward B. Burdett, 14 Jul 1965; Col Cullen A. Brannon, Jr., 7 Jun 1967; Col Henry W. Brown, 2 Jun 1969; Col Frank L. Gailer, Jr., 19 Sep 1969; Col William T. Whisner, 1 Feb 1970; Col Don D. Pittman, 29 Mar 1971; Col John R. Paulk, 21 May 1973; Col Richard H. Head, 18 Apr 1974; Brig Gen Robert E. Messerli, 17 Jun 1975; Brig Gen Buford D. Lary, 26 Mar 1979; Col Thomas A. Baker, 18 Jun 1980; Brig Gen Edward R. Bracken, 25 Nov 1981; Col Sam W. Westbrook III, 3 Apr 1984; Col Thomas J. Barber, 16 Jun 1986; Col William M. Douglass, 9 Jul 1987; Col Thomas J. Lennon, 24 Apr 1989; Col Barry L. Ream, 25 Aug 1990; Col Jonas L. Blank, Jr., 12 Dec 1990; Col William C. Guth, 10 Jul 1991; Col Dean W. Radueg, 27 Jul 1992; Brig Gen Kurt B. Anderson, 11 Sep 1992; Col Dean W. Radueg, 19 Jan 1993–.

Aircraft

F–84, 1952–1954; F–86, 1953–1956; F–100, 1956–1972; F–4, 1972–1977; F–111, 1977–1992; F–15, 1992–.

Operations

Served as one of USAFE's fighter wings with a commitment to NATO. Operated a special aerobatic team, the "Sky Blazers," c. Jun–Nov 1953 and Jul 1954–Oct 1956. Equipped with very few aircraft, Feb 1972–Jul 1974. Converted to F–111F aircraft in 1977. Continued commitment to NATO as a nuclear, conventional, mobility, and quick reaction conventional force. Participated in the air raid on Tripoli, Libya, 14/15 April 1986, in retaliation for that country's sponsorship of terrorist attacks. Deployed wing's fighter squadrons and other personnel to Saudia Arabia, Aug 1990–May 1991. During the war against Iraq, squadron pilots struck bridges, tanks, and bunkers. Deployed aircrews and F–111s to Turkey, Sep 1991–Jun 1992, flying air suppression missions to enforce Iraq's compliance with U.N. treaty terms. Transitioned to F–15E aircraft, Feb–Dec 1992, and made plans to resume deployments to Turkey.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1961–29 Feb 1964; 1 Jul 1966–30 Jun 1968; 14 Oct 1976–31 Dec 1977; 1 Apr 1978–31 Mar 1980; 1 Jul 1984–30 Jun 1986; 1 Jul 1986–30 Jun 1988; 1 Jul 1988–30 Jun 1990; 20 Aug 1990–11 May 1991. Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation: Libya, 10–16 Apr 1986.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display the honors earned by the 48th Operations Group prior to 10 Jul 1952.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater; Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Decorations. Distinguished Unit Citation: Germany, 6 Dec 1944. Cited in the Order of the Day, Belgian Army: 6 Jun–30 Sep 1944; 1 Oct–17 Dec 1944; 18 Dec 1944–15 Jan 1945. Belgian Fourragere.

Emblem

Azure, an orle of mullets Argent, issuant from base overall the bust of the Statue of Liberty facing to dexter Vert, all within a dimished bordure Or.
Motto: STATUE DE LA LIBERTE — The Statue of Liberty. Approved on 5 Jul 1962 (K 13261), modified on 21 Nov 1994; replaced emblem approved on 20 Mar 1953 (24978 AC).



49th Fighter Wing

Established as 49th Fighter Wing on 10 Aug 1948. Activated on 18 Aug 1948.

Redesignated: 49th Fighter-Bomber Wing on 1 Feb 1950; 49th Tactical Fighter Wing on 8 Jul 1958; 49th Fighter Wing on 1 Oct 1991.

Assignments

314th Air Division, 18 Aug 1948; Fifth Air Force, 1 Mar 1950 (attached to 58th Fighter-Bomber Wing, 16–31 Mar 1953); Japan Air Defense Force, 1 Apr 1953 (attached to Fifth Air Force, 1 Apr–7 Nov 1953; 39th Air Division [Defense], 7 Nov 1953–); Fifth Air Force, 1 Sep 1954 (remained attached to 39th Air Division [Defense] to 1 Mar 1955); 39th Air Division (Defense) (later, 39th Air Division), 1 Mar 1955; Fifth Air Force, 15 Apr–10 Dec 1957; United States Air Forces in Europe, 10 Dec 1957; Seventeenth Air Force, 15 Nov 1969; 832d Air Division, 1 Jul 1968 (attached to Seventeenth Air Force, 15 Jan–4 Apr 1969); 835th Air Division, 1 Feb 1970 (attached to Seventeenth Air Force, 14 Sep–7 Oct 1970); Twelfth Air Force, 30 Jun 1971 (attached to Thirteenth Air Force, 5 May–2 Oct 1972); Tactical Training, Holloman, 1 Aug 1977; 833d Air Division, 1 Dec 1980; Twelfth Air Force, 15 Nov 1991–.

Components

Groups. 49th Fighter (later, 49th Fighter-Bomber; 49th Operations): 18 Aug 1948–10 Dec 1957 (detached 9 Jul–30 Nov 1950, 16–31 Mar 1953, 2 Nov 1953–15 Apr 1957); 15 Nov 1991–. 543d Tactical Support: attached 1 Dec 1950–26 Jan 1951.

Battalions. 76th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons: attached 5–c. 25 Jan 1951. 753d Anti-Aircraft Artillery Gun: attached c. Sep–c. Nov 1950. 865th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons: attached c. Sep–c. 30 Nov 1950.

Squadrons. 4th Fighter-Interceptor: attached 10 Aug 1954–15 Apr 1957. 7th: attached 9 Jul–17 Aug 1950 and 7 Aug 1956–15 Apr 1957; assigned 10 Dec 1957–15 Nov 1991 (detached 10 Sep–6 Oct 1971, 2 Mar–4 Apr 1973, 2 Apr–3 May 1974, 4 Oct–6 Nov 1975, 23 Aug–25 Sep 1976). 8th: attached 15 Apr–15 Oct 1957; assigned 10 Dec 1957–15 Nov 1991 (detached c. 12 Sep–c. 11 Oct 1970, 10 Sep–6 Oct 1971, 3 Mar–5 Apr 1973, 5 Sep–6 Oct 1975, 21 Sep–20 Oct 1976, 22 Aug–22 Sep 1977, 10 Sep–15 Nov 1991). 9th: attached 17 Aug–c. 6 Sep 1950 and 15 Apr–9 Dec 1957, assigned 10 Dec 1957–15 Nov 1991 (detached c. 12 Sep–c. 11 Oct 1970, 9 Sep–7 Oct 1971, 4 Feb–15 Mar 1973, 6 Sep–7 Oct 1975, 22 Sep–21 Oct 1977, 10 Sep–10 Oct 1977, 20 Jun–15 Nov 1991). 39th Fighter-Interceptor: attached 14–20 Jul 1954. 45th Tactical Reconnaissance: attached 27 Dec 1950–24 Feb 1951. 334th Fighter-Interceptor: attached 24 Feb–1 Mar 1951. 336th Fighter-Interceptor (later, 336th Fighter-Bomber; 336th Fighter-Day): attached 18 Nov

1954–6 Aug 1956. 339th Fighter-Interceptor: attached 20 Jul–18 Nov 1954. 356th: attached 12 Oct–9 Nov 1959. 417th: 15 Nov 1970–30 Apr 1977 (detached 9 Sep–2 Oct 1971, 3 Feb–14 Mar 1973, 5 Mar–5 Apr 1974, 3 Oct–5 Nov 1975, 24 Aug–26 Sep 1976). 421st Air Refueling: 15 Feb 1954–1 Oct 1957 (detached). 434th: attached 12 Aug–6 Oct 1972. 465th Tactical Fighter Training: 1 Aug 1973–1 Jan 1977. 4449th: 12 Jul–10 Oct 1972.

Batteries. Battery A, 76th AAA Automatic Weapons Battalion: attached 1–25 Jan 1951. Battery A, 933d AAA Automatic Weapons Battalion: attached 18 Dec 1950–5 Jan 1951.

Flights. Unnumbered (of 41st Fighter-Interceptor Squadron): attached 6 Sep–30 Nov 1950. Unnumbered (of 339th Fighter-All Weather Squadron): attached c. Oct–c. 30 Nov 1950. 6113th Air Weather: assigned 18 Aug 1948–26 Jan 1949, attached 27 Jan–10 Apr 1949.

Stations

Misawa AB, Japan, 18 Aug 1948; Taegu AB, South Korea, 1 Dec 1950; Tsuki AB, Japan, 26 Jan 1951; Taegu AB, South Korea, 24 Feb 1951; Kunsan AB, South Korea, 1 Apr 1953; Misawa AB, Japan, 7 Nov 1953–10 Dec 1957; Etain/Rouvres (later, Etain) AB, France, 10 Dec 1957 (operated from Chalons-Vatry AB, France, 1 Sep–30 Nov 1958); Spangdahlem AB, Germany, 25 Aug 1959–30 Jun 1968; Holloman AFB, NM, 1 Jul 1968–.

Commanders

Col Brooks A. Lawhon, 18 Aug 1948; Col Jack S. Jenkins, 22 Apr 1950; Col Aaron W. Tyer, 1 Dec 1950; Col Kenneth W. Northamer, 20 Apr 1951; Col Aaron W. Tyer, 27 May 1951; Col Joe L. Mason, 1 Sep 1951; Col David T. McKnight, 1 Feb 1952; Col Robert J. Rogers, c. 19 Aug 1952–15 Mar 1953; none (not manned), 16–31 Mar 1953; Col William W. Ingenhutt, 1 Apr 1953; Col Edwin A. Doss, 24 Apr 1953; Col George W. Pardy, 18 Nov 1953; Col John P. Randolph, 24 May 1954; Col Thomas C. Conroy, (by 31) May 1956; Col Elbert Helton, 14 Aug 1956; Col Joseph A. Barrett, Jr., 21 Oct 1957; Capt Paul E. Moore, 1 Nov 1957; Col Joseph L. Dickman, 10 Dec 1957; Col Wilbur J. Grumbles, 7 Jul 1958; Col Thomas D. DeJarnette, 15 Jun 1962; Col William P. McBride, 26 Feb 1963; Col William S. Chairsell, 17 Aug 1964; Col John C. Giraud, 21 Jun 1966; Col Alphonse J. Coleman, 19 May 1967; Col Francis E. Binnell, 20 Mar 1968; Col Ramon R. Melton, 15 Jul 1968; Col Joseph C. Secino, 8 Mar 1969; Col Harry H. Moreland, 22 Aug 1969; Brig Gen Jack Bellamy, 24 Apr 1970; Col Wayne E. Whitlatch, 24 May 1972; Col George G. Hupp, 8 May 1973; Col William L. Kirk, 3 Jun

1974; Col Eleas Casillas, 5 Jan 1976; Col Richard L. Meyer, 11 Nov 1977; Col Harold D. Dortch, Jr., 12 Feb 1980; Col Jerry H. Nabors, 20 Jan 1981; Col James E. Chambers, 15 Oct 1982; Col Jerry Cox, 2 Mar 1984; Col Joseph E. Merrick, 3 Oct 1985; Col Richard C. Bethurem, 25 Sep 1987; Col Frank B. Campbell, 5 Jan 1990; Brig Gen Lloyd W. Newton, 15 Nov 1991–.

Aircraft

Primarily P (later, F)–51, 1948–1950; F–80, 1948–1951; F–84, 1951–1953, 1953, 1957; F–86, 1951, 1954–1957; F–100, 1957–1962; F–105, 1961–1967; F–4, 1967–1971, 1971–1978, 1992–; T–38, 1973–1976; F–15, 1977–1992; AT–38, 1992–; F–117, 1992–; HH–60, 1993–; but also flew F–61, 1948–1949; F–82, 1950; RF–80, 1950–1951; F/RF–51, 1950–1951; and RB–26, 1950–1951.

Operations

Trained to maintain tactical proficiency while participating in the military occupation and air defense of Japan, 1948–Jun 1950. Remained in Japan until 1 Dec 1950, although components detached for combat operations. The wing's tactical mission was greatly reduced, but did include F–80 pilot training from late Jun to 1 Dec 1950. From 6 Sep to 1 Dec 1950, the wing had no tactical units except a detachment of the 41st Fighter-Interceptor Squadron, which provided strip alert and F–80 pilot training. On 1 Dec the wing moved to Taegu AB, South Korea, and resumed operational control of its tactical components. Primarily interdicted enemy supplies, equipment and lines of communication, but also performed bombing of high value strategic targets, close air support of ground forces, and combat air patrol. The wing was attached to 58th Fighter-Bomber Wing at Taegu, 16–31 Mar 1953, and on 1 Apr moved without personnel or equipment to Kunsan AB, South Korea, where it absorbed resources of the 474th Fighter-Bomber Wing and continued combat operations to 27 Jul 1953. Moved without tactical components to Misawa AB, Japan, on 7 Nov 1953 and absorbed resources of the 6016th Air Base Wing. Served as an administrative and support wing without tactical operations until Jul 1954, and then assumed an air defense mission with attached squadrons. On 15 Apr 1957 the detached 49th Fighter-Bomber Group became a paper unit, and the wing assumed the fighter-bomber mission the group had been performing, continuing it to 15 Sep 1957, when the wing stood down and prepared to move to France. Replaced the 388th Fighter-Bomber Wing in France in Dec 1957. Supporting NATO, participated in tactical exercises and operations in Europe, Dec 1957–Jun 1968, initially with F–100s, later with F–105s and then F–4s. Replaced by

7149th Tactical Fighter Wing at Spangdahlem AB, Germany, on 1 Jul 1968, and reformed at Holloman AFB, NM, largely with recent returnees from Southeast Asia. Served as USAF's first "dual-based," NATO-committed wing, subject to immediate return to Europe if and when needed. The entire wing deployed back to Spangdahlem AB 15 Jan–4 Apr 1969 and 14 Sep–7 Oct 1970, receiving the Mackay Trophy for the 1969 deployment. At Holloman AFB, the wing continued participation in tactical exercises and firepower demonstrations to maintain combat readiness. Had base host responsibility 1 Jan 1971–1 Aug 1977 and 15 Nov 1991–. In the autumn of 1971 the wing's four tactical squadrons deployed in Europe. On 4 May 1972, after North Vietnam invaded South Vietnam, the entire wing, except for a rear echelon that remained to run Holloman, deployed at Takhli RTAFB, Thailand. Conducted combat operations in Southeast Asia, 11 May–27 Sep 1972, to help blunt a strong North Vietnamese offensive. Flew combat sorties in South Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos and, 1 Jul–24 Sep 1972, during Operation Linebacker, the bombardment campaign in North Vietnam. Returned to Holloman AFB in early Oct 1972, and continued rotating tactical components to Europe to support NATO through Sep 1977. Also provided USAF fighter lead-in training in T–38s, Feb 1974–Dec 1976. After conversion to the F–15 in Oct 1977, the wing ceased its "dual-base" commitment to NATO and changed to an air superiority mission, with training focusing on Dissimilar Air Combat Tactics for multi-theater operations. Won the 1988 William Tell air-to-air meet. Deployed aircraft and personnel to Southwest Asia to fly combat air patrol for coalition operations, 20 Jun–19 Dec 1991. Began basic fighter training for USAF aircrews with AT–38 aircraft in Mar 1992; and training of German Air Force pilots in F–4s in Jul 1992. Aircraft conversion from F–15s to the F–117 Stealth fighter in May 1992 resulted in a change from an air-to-air to an air-to-ground mission. Maintained 90-day rotations of personnel and F–117 Stealth fighters to Saudi Arabia as part of CENTAF's post-Desert Storm task force in Southwest Asia, Jul 1992 to present. The wing gained the 48th Rescue Squadron flying HH–60 Nighthawk helicopters in Feb 1993.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

Korea: CCF Intervention; First UN Counteroffensive; CCF Spring Offensive; UN Summer–Fall Offensive; Second Korean Winter; Korea Summer–Fall, 1952; Third Korean Winter; Korea Summer, 1953. Vietnam: Vietnam Ceasefire.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat “V” Device: 5 May–6 Oct 1972. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Mar 1964–28 Feb 1966; 1 Mar 1966–30 Jun 1967; 1 Jan 1971–15 Apr 1972. Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citations: 27 Jun 1950–7 Feb 1951; 8 Feb 1951–31 Mar 1953.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 49th Operations Group prior to 18 Aug 1948.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. World War II: East Indies; Air Offensive, Japan; China Defensive; Papua; New Guinea; Bismarck Archipelago; Western Pacific; Leyte; Luzon; China Offensive.

Decorations. Distinguished Unit Citations: Australia, 14 Mar–25 Aug 1942; Papua, [Oct] 1942–23 Jan 1943; Philippine Islands, 27 Oct–7 Dec 1944. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation.

Emblem

Per bend sinister Azure and Or between a lightning flash bendwise sinister issuant from sinister chief, a knight’s helmet winged as a crest in base and in dexter chief five mullets as the constellation “Southern Cross” Argent, all within a diminished bordure of the second. *Motto:* TUTOR ET ULTOR — I protect and avenge. Approved on 15 Jun 1994; replaced emblem approved 2 Jul 1953 (KE 42629).



50th Space Wing

Established as 50th Fighter Wing on 16 May 1949. Activated in the Reserve on 1 Jun 1949. Redesignated 50th Fighter-Interceptor Wing on 1 Mar 1950. Ordered to active service on 1 Jun 1951. Inactivated on 2 Jun 1951. Redesignated 50th Fighter-Bomber Wing on 15 Nov 1952. Activated on 1 Jan 1953. Redesignated 50th Tactical Fighter Wing on 8 Jul 1958. Inactivated on 30 Sep 1991. Redesignated 50th Space Wing on 1 Jan 1992. Activated on 30 Jan 1992.

Assignments

First Air Force, 1 Jun 1949 (attached to 33d Fighter [later, 33d Fighter-Interceptor] Wing, 1 Jun 1949–); Eastern Air Defense Force, 1 Sep 1950–2 Jun 1951 (remained attached to 33d Fighter-Interceptor Wing to 2 Jun 1951). Ninth Air Force, 1 Jan 1953; Twelfth Air Force, 9 Aug 1953; United States Air Forces in Europe, 1 Jan 1958; Seventeenth Air Force, 15 Nov 1959–30 Sep 1991. Air Force Space Command, 30 Jan 1992; Fourteenth Air Force, 20 Sep 1993–.

Components

Groups. 50th Fighter (later, 50th Fighter-Interceptor; 50th Fighter-Bomber; 50th Operations): 1 Jun 1949–2 Jun 1951; 1 Jan 1953–8 Dec 1957; 30 Jan 1992–. 750th: 30 Jan 1992–. 1000th Satellite Operations: 30 Jan–31 Jul 1992.

Squadrons. 8th: attached 8 Mar–2 Apr 1973 and 6 Sep–6 Oct 1975. 9th: attached 11 Sep–7 Oct 1971 and 23 Sep–24 Oct 1976. 10th: 8 Dec 1957–30 Sep 1991 (detached 28 Dec 1990–10 May 1991). 68th: attached 10 May–7 Jun 1977. 69th Pilotless Bomber (later, 69th Tactical Missile): attached 14 Mar 1955–15 Apr 1956. 81st: 8 Dec 1957–15 Jul 1971 (detached 15 Jun–15 Jul 1971). 313th: 15 Nov 1976–1 Jul 1991. 355th: attached 5 Sep–16 Nov 1961. 417th: assigned 8 Dec 1957–1 Jul 1968, attached 1–15 Jul 1968, 15 Jan–4 Apr 1969, 11 Sep–10 Oct 1970, 9 Sep–2 Oct 1971, 5 Feb–8 Mar 1973, 6 Mar–5 Apr 1974, 3 Oct–5 Nov 1975, and 24 Aug–26 Sep 1976. 421st: attached 5–25 Aug 1977. 428th: attached 1 Apr–c. 1 Oct 1957. 429th: attached 7 Oct 1956–1 Apr 1957. 430th: attached 20 Apr–7 Oct 1956. 435th: attached c. 24 Oct–11 Dec 1962. 457th: attached 20 Mar–c. 19 Aug 1958. 458th: attached c. 13 Aug 1958–c. 18 Feb 1959. 496th: attached 1–24 Nov 1968, assigned 25 Nov 1968–15 May 1991. 509th: attached 15 Jan–24 Mar 1958. 614th: attached 5 Sep–14 Nov 1961.

Detachment. Det, 5th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron: attached 4–25 Sep 1975.

Stations

Otis AFB, MA, 1 Jun 1949–2 Jun 1951. Clovis AFB, NM, 1 Jan–23 Jul 1953; Hahn AB, Germany, 10 Aug 1953; Toul-Rosieres AB, France, 17 Jul 1956; Hahn AB, Germany, 10 Dec 1959–30 Sep 1991. Falcon AFB, CO, 30 Jan 1992–.

Commanders

Brig Gen Bruce Johnson, 1 Jun 1949–1951. Col Wallace S. Ford, 1 Jan 1953; Col Melvin F. McNickle, 22 Jul 1954; Col Fred J. Ascani, 24 Jun 1955; Brig Gen Henry C. Newcomer, 26 Jul 1957; Col Frank L. Wood, Jr., Aug 1959; Col Jack S. Jenkins, 1 Sep 1959; Col William P. McBride, 16 Jul 1962; Col David T. McKnight, 12 Feb 1963; Col Louis J. Lamm, 9 Jun 1964; Col George W. McLaughlin, 20 Jul 1964; Col Richard C. Catledge, (by May) 1966; Col Robert L. Liles, 20 May 1966; Col Forrest L. Rauscher, 28 Jun 1968; Col John W. Smith, 14 Jun 1969; Col William B. Craig, 22 Apr 1970; Col Billy F. Rogers, 17 Nov 1970; Col William C. Norris, 1 Oct 1971; Brig Gen Michael E. DeArmond, 2 Jan 1973; Col Paul M. Ingram, 26 Aug 1974; Brig Gen James P. Albritton, 14 Mar 1975; Col Emery S. Wetsel, Jr., 19 May 1978; Col David M. Goodrich, 24 Jun 1980; Col Wilfred L. Goodson, 28 Jan 1982; Col John M. Davey, 20 Oct 1982; Col Clifton C. Clark, Jr., 8 Jan 1985; Col Ben Nelson, Jr., 31 Jul 1986; Col Roger C. Taylor, 2 Mar 1988; Col George W. Norwood, 27 Feb 1990–30 Sep 1991. Brig Gen Roger G. DeKok, 30 Jan 1992–.

Aircraft, Missiles, and Space Systems

T–6, 1949–1951; T–33, 1949–1951; F–51, 1949–1950; F–84, 1949–1950; F–86, 1950–1951. F–51, 1953; F–86, 1953–1958; Matador, 1955–1956; ET–33, 1955–1956; F–100, 1957–1966; F–104, 1962; F–4, 1966–1982; F–102, 1968–1970; F–106, 1975; F–16, 1981–1991. Satellites, 1992–.

Operations

Served as Reserve corollary of the 33d Fighter (later, Fighter-Interceptor) Wing, 1949–1951. Activated as a Tactical Air Command component in Jan 1953 and converted from F–51 to F–86F aircraft before moving to Europe as a component of USAFE. Provided tactical operations in support of USAFE, NATO, and US Army forces beginning Aug 1953. Added air defense to its other tactical missions in Nov 1958. Stored and maintained ammunition and weapons for selected NATO organizations beginning Oct 1967. Supported and controlled CONUS dual-based fighter squadrons at Hahn, 1969–1976. Responsible for planning and support to CONUS fighter squadrons that deployed to specified collocated operating bases (COBs) in West Germany and Denmark, 1976–1985. In Aug 1977, switched to a strike-attack role, with air defense as a secondary mission. The first USAFE wing to transition to the F–16 aircraft, first F–16 arriving on 30 Dec 1981, and the last F–4 leaving the wing on 21 Jun 1982. Later transitioned from the F–16A/B to the

F-16C/D models, Dec 1985–Mar 1987. Supported preparations for Ground Launched Cruise Missile (GLCM) activities at Wuescheim, Germany, 1982–1985. Supported the 38th Tactical Missile Wing from 1 Apr 1985 until Aug 1990. In late 1985, the wing began to phase out responsibility for the munitions support squadrons and the COBs. Provided personnel, munitions, and equipment to support the liberation of Kuwait (Southwest Asia). Also deployed the 10th TFS to Southwest Asia from Dec 1990–May 1991.

The 50th TFW lost its F-16 aircraft in May–Aug 1991 in preparation for inactivation on 30 Sep 1991. Replaced the 2d Space Wing at Falcon AFB, CO, on 30 Jan 1992. Operated satellites for the Defense Support Program, Defense Meteorological Satellite Program, Navstar Global Positioning System, Defense Satellite Communications System, and NATO III Fleet Satellite Communications System. Added Ultra-High Frequency Follow-on Satellite System in 1993.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Nov 1970–15 Sep 1971; 1 Jan 1972–30 Jun 1973; 1 Jul 1973–30 Jun 1974; 1 Jul 1975–30 Jun 1976; 1 Jul 1982–30 Jun 1984; 1 Jul 1985–30 Jun 1987; 1 Jul 1990–5 Aug 1991.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 50th Operations Group prior to 1 Jun 1949.

Service Streamers. World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers. World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe.

Decorations. Distinguished Unit Citations: European Theater, 13–20 Mar 1945; Germany, 25 Apr 1945. Cited in the Order of the Day, Belgian Army: 6 Jun–30 Sep 1944.

Emblem

Azure, an opinicus passant Argent, all within a diminished bordure Or. Modified version of 50th Group emblem approved for the 50th Wing on 15 Jul 1953, and reinstated on 9 Jul 1992 (DFSC 92–10182); replaced wing emblem approved on 23 Aug 1956 (K 11829). *Motto:* MASTER OF SPACE. Approved on 10 Sep 1992.



51st Fighter Wing

Established as 51st Fighter Wing on 10 Aug 1948. Activated on 18 Aug 1948.
Redesignated 51st Fighter-Interceptor Wing on 1 Feb 1950. Inactivated on 31 May 1971.
Redesignated 51st Air Base Wing on 20 Oct 1971. Activated on 1 Nov 1971.
Redesignated: 51st Composite Wing (Tactical) on 30 Sep 1974; 51st Tactical Fighter Wing on 1 Jul 1982; 51st Wing on 7 Feb 1992; 51st Fighter Wing on 1 Oct 1993.

Assignments

1st Air Division, 18 Aug 1948; Thirteenth Air Force, 1 Dec 1948; Twentieth Air Force, 16 May 1949 (attached to Fifth Air Force, 25 Sep 1950–1 Aug 1954 and further attached to 8th Fighter-Bomber Wing, 25 Sep–12 Oct 1950); 313th Air Division, 1 Mar 1955–31 May 1971. 314th Air Division, 1 Nov 1971; Seventh Air Force, 8 Sep 1986–.

Components

Groups. 5th Tactical Air Control (later, 5th Tactical Control; 5th Air Control): 8 Jan 1980–20 Jun 1982; 1 Oct 1990–1 Jul 1993. 51st Fighter (later, 51st Fighter-Interceptor, 51st Fighter, 51st Operations): 18 Aug 1948–25 Oct 1957 (detached 26 Sep–12 Oct 1950, 16 Aug 1954–15 Mar 1955); 1 Oct 1990–.

Squadrons. 16th Fighter-Interceptor: attached 1 Jul–24 Oct 1957, assigned 25 Oct 1957–24 Dec 1964. 19th Tactical Air Support: 30 Sep 1974–8 Jan 1980. 25th Fighter-Interceptor (later, 25th Tactical Fighter): attached 1 Jul–24 Oct 1957, assigned 25 Oct 1957–8 Jun 1960; 1 Feb 1981–31 Jun 1990. 36th Tactical Fighter: 30 Sep 1974–1 Oct 1990. 82d Fighter-Interceptor: attached 17 Feb–24 Jun 1966, assigned 25 Jun 1966–31 May 1971 (detached 30 Jan–20 Feb 1968). 318th Fighter-Interceptor: attached 11–18 Feb 1968. 497th Tactical Fighter: 1 Jan 1982–24 Jan 1989. 555th Tactical Fighter: attached 11 Dec 1964–15 Mar 1965 and 11 Nov 1965–25 Feb 1966. 558th Tactical Fighter: attached 12 Mar–15 Jun 1965. 559th Tactical Fighter: attached 12 Jun–15 Nov 1965.

Stations

Naha Afld (later, AB), Okinawa, 18 Aug 1948; Itazuke AB, Japan, 22 Sep 1950; Kimpō AB, South Korea, 10 Oct 1950; Itazuke AB, Japan, 10 Dec 1950; Tsuiki AB, Japan, 15 Jan 1951; Suwon AB, South Korea, 1 Oct 1951–26 Jul 1954; Naha AB, Okinawa, 1 Aug 1954–31 May 1971. Osan AB, South Korea, 1 Nov 1971–.

Commanders

Brig Gen Hugo P. Rush, 18 Aug 1948; Col John W. Egan, 25 Mar 1949; Col Richard M. Montgomery, 1 Apr 1949; Col John W. Weltman, 19 Sep 1949; Col Oliver G. Cellini, 24 Apr 1951; Col William P. Litton, c. 1 Nov 1951; Col George R. Stanley, 2 Nov 1951; Col Francis S. Gabreski, 6 Nov 1951; Col John W. Mitchell, 13 Jun 1952; Col William C. Clark, 31 May 1953; Col Ernest H. Beverly, 9 Aug 1953; Col William C. Clark, 11 Sep 1953; Col

Benjamin O. Davis, Jr., Nov 1953; Col Barton M. Russell, 2 Jul 1954; Col Travis Hoover, 1 Aug 1954; Col Hilmer C. Nelson, 9 Aug 1954; Col Edwin C. Ambrosen, 16 Aug 1954; Col John H. Bell, 15 Nov 1955; Col Paul E. Hoeper, 2 Feb 1957; Col Robert L. Cardenas, 4 May 1957; Col Walter V. Gresham, Jr., 15 Jul 1957; Col Elliott H. Reed, 1 Aug 1957; Col Walter V. Gresham, Jr., 15 Aug 1957; Col Lester J. Johnson, 22 Nov 1957; Col William W. Ingenhutt, 25 Mar 1960; Col Lester C. Hess, 24 Jul 1962; Col Lloyd R. Larson, 11 Jun 1965; Col Frank E. Angier, 8 Apr 1967; Col John B. Weed, 13 Jun 1968; Col Roy D. Carlson, 30 Jun 1968–31 May 1971. Col Hewitt E. Lovelace, Jr., 1 Nov 1971; Col John H. Allison, 1 Aug 1972; Col Billie J. Norwood, 7 Jun 1973; Col Alonzo L. Ferguson, 1 May 1974; Col Glenn L. Nordin, 30 Sep 1974; Brig Gen Vernon H. Sandrock, 12 Aug 1975; Col Frederick B. Hoenniger, 15 Jun 1977; Col James T. Boddie, Jr., 18 Jun 1979; Col John C. Scheidt, Jr., 16 May 1980; Col Eugene G. Myers, 20 Feb 1981; Col Thomas R. Olsen, 16 Jul 1982; Col Marcus F. Cooper, Jr., 26 May 1983; Col Barry J. Howard, 18 Oct 1983; Col Charles D. Link, 20 Jul 1984; Col Henry J. Cochran, 12 Aug 1985; Col John C. Marshall, 12 Jun 1987; Col James J. Winters, 30 Jun 1989; Col Thomas R. Case, 17 Jul 1990; Brig Gen Robert G. Jenkins, 23 Jun 1992–.

Aircraft

F–61, 1948–1950; F–80, 1948–1951; F–82, 1949–1950; F–86, 1951–1960; F–94, 1954–1955; F–102, 1959–1964, 1966–1971; F–4, 1964–1965, 1965–1966; F–106, 1968. F–4, 1974–1989; OV–10, 1974–1982; A–10, 1982–1989; F–16, 1988–; OA–10, 1990–; C–12, 1992–.

Operations

Absorbed resources of 301st Fighter Wing in Aug 1948 and assumed air defense of Ryukyu Islands using F–82 aircraft. Moved to Japan and commenced combat operations over Korea in Sep 1950. Moved to South Korea, in Oct 1950 and continued combat air patrols, close air support, and armed reconnaissance in support of UN forces. Returned to Japan in Dec 1950. Operated a detachment of wing elements at Suwon AB, Korea, beginning in May 1951, and transitioned into F–86 fighters later that year. Relocated at Suwon AB in Oct 1951, with maintenance and supply elements remaining in Japan until Aug 1954. Continued to perform patrol, escort, interdiction, and reconnaissance operations until 27 Jul 1953. Wing pilots claimed 312 victories against enemy MiG jet fighters, including the first USAF victory in the first all-jet aerial battle on 8 Nov 1950. Following the cease-fire, remained at Suwon AB, Korea, until returning to Okinawa in

Aug 1954 to reassume air defense of the Ryukyu Islands. From Aug 1954 through early 1971, frequently deployed aircraft, crews, and support personnel throughout the Far East, including Korea, Japan, Taiwan, and the Philippines. Stationed one squadron (16th Fighter-Interceptor) at Tainan, Taiwan, 29 Aug 1958–26 Jan 1959 during the Quemoy-Matsu Crisis to fly combat air patrol for Nationalist Chinese Air Force supply flights. Transitioned into F-102 fighter-interceptor aircraft beginning in 1959. Following the seizure of the *USS Pueblo* by North Korea, deployed one squadron (82d Fighter-Interceptor) and support personnel to Suwon AB, Korea, 30 Jan–20 Feb 1968, and sent other personnel to Osan AB, South Korea, to support the 314th Air Division. Deployed an interceptor detachment to Suwon AB, South Korea, from Jun 1968 through 1970. The Wing inactivated at Naha AB, Okinawa on 31 May 1971, but was redesignated an air base wing and activated at Osan AB, South Korea, on 1 Nov 1971. Thereafter, served primarily as a support wing responsible for Osan AB and the Koon-Ni range complex, supported a variety of remote sites and, after 15 Apr 1975, operated Taegu AB, South Korea. During that period, the Wing's inventory included C-47 (1971), C-123 (1971–1973), CH-3 (1971–1974), VT-29 (1971–1974), and T-33 (1971–1976) aircraft. The 51st was redesignated a composite wing when it added a tactical mission on 30 Sep 1974; the wing gained an F-4E tactical fighter squadron and an OV-10 tactical air support squadron, but its support responsibilities continued under the direction of a combat support group. In Jan 1976, the wing was further augmented by a tactical control squadron and in Apr 1976 by a direct air support squadron and a tactical air control center squadron. These additions, combined with the tactical air support squadron already assigned, comprised the Korean Tactical Air Control System (KTACS). The 51st lost control of Taegu AB on 1 Oct 1978, but reassumed responsibility for that base when the wing gained a second F-4E squadron stationed there in Jan 1982. In the interim, direct responsibility for KTACS had passed to a newly assigned tactical air control group, along with control of the wing's tactical control elements. On 1 Jun 1982, relinquished its tactical control mission when the Wing's KTACS elements were reassigned to the 314th Air Division. In their place, received a squadron of A-10 aircraft (the 25th). Based at Suwon AB, South Korea, this unit's close air support capability complemented the wing's existing air superiority role; the new mission mix resulted in redesignation as a tactical fighter wing on 1 Jul 1982. Frequently deployed aircraft and crews to participate in air superiority and close air support exercises throughout the Far East during this period. In addition, F-4E aircrews trained to perform fast forward air control missions beginning in 1984. In 1988–1989, replaced F-4E

and A-10 aircraft with F-16 fighters to support a shift in primary mission orientation from air superiority and close air support to offensive counterair and all-weather air interdiction. Restored tactical air control capabilities in Oct 1990 with the assignment of an air control group, including a squadron of OA-10 aircraft and, in Sep 1991, became the first operational F-16 unit to employ laser targeting with the LANTIRN navigation and targeting system. Airlift support operations were augmented with the addition of a flight of C-12F light transports in Aug 1992.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

Korea: UN Offensive; CCF Intervention; First UN Counteroffensive; CCF Spring Offensive; UN Summer-Fall Offensive; Second Korean Winter; Korea Summer-Fall, 1952; Third Korean Winter; Korea Summer, 1953.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 29 Aug 1958–19 Jan 1959; 26 Mar 1962–30 Sep 1963; 1 Jan 1965–31 Dec 1966; 1 Jan 1969–31 Dec 1970; 30 Sep 1974–31 Mar 1976; 1 Apr 1983–30 Apr 1984; 1 May 1984–30 Apr 1985; 1 Jul 1985–30 Jun 1987. Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citations: 20 Sep 1950–30 Jun 1951; 1 Jul 1951–31 Mar 1953; 19–20 Aug 1972.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 51st Operations Group prior to 18 Aug 1948.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. World War II: India-Burma; China Defensive; China Offensive.

Decorations. None.

Emblem

Per fess nebuly abased Azure and Or issuing from partition line a demi-Pegasus Argent with a machine gun in each wing bendwise Sable, gun fire proper, all within a diminished bordure of the second. Approved for 51st Group on 5 Feb 1942 and for 51st Wing on 2 May 1956 (K 707). *Motto:* LEADING THE CHARGE. Approved c. Jun 1993.



52d Fighter Wing

Established as 52d Fighter Wing, All Weather, on 10 May 1948. Activated on 9 Jun 1948. Redesignated: 52d Fighter-All Weather Wing on 20 Jan 1950; 52d Fighter-Interceptor Wing on 1 May 1951. Inactivated on 6 Feb 1952. Redesignated 52d Fighter Wing (Air Defense), and activated, on 11 Apr 1963. Organized on 1 Jul 1963. Inactivated on 30 Sep 1968. Redesignated 52d Tactical Fighter Wing on 12 Nov 1971. Activated on 31 Dec 1971. Redesignated 52d Fighter Wing on 1 Oct 1991.

Assignments

First Air Force, 9 Jun 1948 (attached to Eastern Air Defense Force, 10 Nov 1949–31 Aug 1950); Eastern Air Defense Force, 1 Sep 1950–6 Feb 1952. Air Defense Command, 11 Apr 1963; New York Air Defense Sector, 1 Jul 1963; 21st Air Division, 1 Apr 1966; 35th Air Division, 1 Dec 1967–30 Sep 1968. Seventeenth Air Force, 31 Dec 1971; 65th Air Division, 1 Jun 1985; Seventeenth Air Force, 30 Jun 1991–.

Components

Wing. 84th: attached 1 Jun 1942–2 Jun 1951.

Group. 52d Fighter (later, 52d Operations): 9 Jun 1948–6 Feb 1952; 31 Mar 1992–.

Squadrons. 2d Fighter-Interceptor: 1 Jul 1963–30 Sep 1968. 23d: 31 Dec 1971–31 Mar 1992 (detached 17 Jan–15 Mar 1991). 39th Tactical Electronic Warfare: 31 Dec 1971–1 Jan 1973. 58th: attached 8–22 Aug 1975. 81st: 15 Jan 1973–31 Mar 1992. 98th Fighter-Interceptor: 1 Jul 1963–30 Sep 1968. 105th: attached 1 Apr 1951–6 Feb 1952. 334th: attached 9–23 Sep 1975. 335th: attached 11–25 Jul 1975. 356th: attached 29 Aug–20 Sep 1976. 457th: attached 13–27 Aug 1977. 480th: 15 Nov 1976–31 Mar 1992. 562d: attached 12–30 Aug 1977.

Detachments. Det, 561st Tactical Fighter Squadron: attached 30 Aug–20 Sep 1976.

Stations

Mitchel Field (later, AFB) NY, 9 Jun 1948; McGuire AFB, NJ, 4 Oct 1949–6 Feb 1952. Suffolk County AFB, NY, 1 Jul 1963–30 Sep 1968. Spangdahlem AB, Germany, 31 Dec 1971–.

Commanders

Col Roger V. Williams, 9 Jun 1948; Col Thomas C. Musgrave, Jr., 28 Jun 1948; Col Robert W. C. Wimmsatt, 1 Jul 1949; Col Edward C. Bates, 26 Sep 1949; Col Ernest H. Beverly, 16 Jul 1950; Col Edward W. Szaniawski, 4 Dec 1951; Lt Col LeRoy D. Hoerner, 1–6 Feb 1952. None (not manned), 11 Apr–30 Jun 1963; Col James H. Buckey, 1 Jul 1963; Col Ben H. Emmert, Jr., 1 Jul 1964; Col Francis S. Gabreski, 17 Aug 1964; Col Jack D. Gamble, 31 Oct 1967–30 Sep 1968. Col Thomas E. Clifford, 31 Dec 1971; Col James H. Ahmann, 16 Jul 1973; Col Robert F.C. Winger, 9 Nov 1973; Col Robert E. Buhrow, 7 Jul 1975; Col Richard E. Skelton, 10 Jun 1977; Col Charles L.

Flynn, 16 Nov 1977; Col Leland K. Lukens, 9 Jun 1978; Brig Gen Robert B. Plowden, Jr., 15 Feb 1980; Col Paul N. Chase, 6 Feb 1981; Col Donald L. Kaufman, 7 Dec 1982; Col Lawrence E. Day, 17 Apr 1985; Col Jay D. Blume, Jr., 4 Jun 1987; Col Eugene D. Santarelli, 31 May 1988; Col Rudolf F. Peksens, 6 Jul 1989; Col Howard J. Fry, Jr., 10 Jul 1991; Brig Gen John W. Hawley, 17 Jul 1992; Col Michael S. Brake, 18 Aug 1992; Brig Gen John W. Hawley, 23 Jan 1993–.

Aircraft

P (later, F)–61, 1947–1948; F–82, 1948–1952; F–94, 1950–1952; F–47, 1951–1952. F–101, 1963–1968. EB–66, 1971–1972; F–4, 1971–; EB–57, 1974, 1975; A–7, 1976; F–105, 1976, 1977; F–16, 1987–; A/OA–10, 1992–.

Operations

Air defense in the northeastern United States, Jun 1948–Feb 1952, and Jul 1963–Sep 1968. In Dec 1971 became host wing at Spangdahlem AB, Germany, and inherited tactical squadrons from 36th TFW at nearby Bitburg AB. Participated in numerous tactical exercises, operations, and tests of USAFE and NATO. Provided close air support, interdiction, and base defense operations. Cooperated with other NATO forces in frequent “squadron exchange” programs and hosted US-based units on temporary duty in Europe. In Jan 1973 added Wild Weasel defense suppression mission, and after Oct 1985, using the F–4 model aircraft, defense suppression became wing’s sole tactical mission. In 1987 acquired F–16s and became the first wing to integrate F–16Cs with F–4Gs to form hunter/killer teams within individual fighter squadrons. Deployed aircraft and personnel to strategic locations in Saudi Arabia and Turkey in support of the liberation of Kuwait, Sep 1990–Mar 1993. Began receiving A/OA–10 aircraft near the end of 1992 and with the assignment of the 510th Tactical Fighter Squadron, in Oct 1992, added a close air support mission.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat “V” Device: 1 Sep 1990–26 Feb 1991. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1978–30 Jun 1980; 1 Jul 1991–30 Jun 1993.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 52d Operations Group prior to 9 Jun 1948.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Algeria-French Morocco; Tunisia; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Rome-Arno; Normandy; Northern France; Southern France; North Apennines; Rhineland; Central Europe; Po Valley; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Decorations. Distinguished Unit Citations: Germany, 9 Jun 1944; Rumania, 31 Aug 1944.

Emblem

Quarterly per fess nebuly first and fourth Argent each charged with a dagger palewise point to base Gules grip Or: Second quarter Azure third quarter Sable all within a diminished bordure Yellow. *Motto*: SEEK, ATTACK, DESTROY. Approved for 52d Group on 11 Jan 1951 and for 52d Wing on 10 May 1951 (K 6370).



53d Wing

Lineage. Established as 53d Pursuit Group (Interceptor) on 20 Nov 1940. Activated on 15 Jan 1941. Redesignated 53d Fighter Group on 15 May 1942. Disbanded on 1 May 1944. Reestablished, and redesignated 53d Fighter Group (Air Defense), on 20 Jun 1955. Activated on 18 Aug 1955. Discontinued on 1 Apr 1960. Redesignated 53d Tactical Fighter Group on 31 Jul 1985. Consolidated (25 Sep 1995) with the USAF Tactical Air Warfare Center, which was organized on 1 Nov 1963. Redesignated: USAF Air Warfare Center on 1 Oct 1991; 53d Wing on 1 Oct 1995.

Assignments

22d Pursuit Wing, 15 Jan 1941; 3d Interceptor Command, 2 Oct 1941; Caribbean (later, Sixth) Air Force, 1 Jan 1942; XXVI Interceptor (later, XXVI Fighter) Command, 6 Mar 1942; III Fighter Command, 26 Nov 1942–1 May 1944. 31st Air Division (Defense), 18 Aug 1955; 20th Air Division (Defense), 1 Mar 1956; Kansas City Air Defense Sector (Manual), 1 Jan–1 Apr 1960. Tactical Air Command, 1 Nov 1963; Air Combat Command, 1 Jun 1992; Air Warfare Center, 1 Oct 1995–.

Components

Wing. 4485th Test: 16 Mar 1964–30 Jun 1965.

Groups. 68th Electronic Combat: 15 Apr 1993–. 475th Weapons Evaluation: 23 Jan 1991–. 4441st Tactical Training (Blue Flag) [later, 41st Training]: 1 Mar 1977–15 Apr 1993. 4443d (later, 79th) Test and Evaluation: 1 Jul 1988–.

Squadrons. 13th Pursuit (later, 13th Fighter; 13th Fighter-Interceptor): 15 Jan 1941–1 May 1944; 18 Aug 1955–1 Jul 1957. 14th Pursuit (later, 14th Fighter; 14th Fighter-Interceptor): 15 Jan 1941–1 May 1944; 18 Aug 1955–1 Apr 1960. 15th 15 Jan 1941–1 May 1944. 31st Test and Evaluation: 1 Jun 1992–15 Apr 1993. 49th Test: 1 Jun 1992–15 Apr 1993. 438th Fighter: 20 Feb 1943–1 May 1944. 513th Test: 1 Jun 1992–15 Apr 1993. 3907th Systems Evaluation: 1 Jun 1992–15 Apr 1993. 4484th Fighter Weapons: 1 Oct 1978–1 Jun 1984. 4484th Test: 15 Oct 1983–1 Aug 1988. 4485th Test: 12 Apr 1971–1 Aug 1988. 4486th Fighter Weapons: 1 Oct 1985–1 Aug 1988. 4487th (later, 87th) Electronic Warfare Aggressor: 1 Oct 1990–15 Apr 1993.

Stations

MacDill Field, FL, 15 Jan 1941; Tallahassee, FL, 8 May–8 Dec 1941; Howard Field, CZ, 1 Jan–10 Nov 1942; Dale Mabry Field, FL, 26 Nov 1942; Drew Field, FL, 7 Jan 1943; Fort Myers AAFld (later, Page Field), FL, 6 Feb 1943–1 May 1944. Sioux City Muni Aprt, IA, 18 Aug 1955–1 Apr 1960. Eglin AFB, FL, 1 Nov 1963–.

Commanders

Maj Hugo P. Rush, 15 Jan 1941; Maj Eugene C. Fleming, 9 May 1941; Col Earl W. Barnes, 1 Jun 1941; Lt Col Don L. Wilhelm, Jr, 28 Jun 1942; Col Morley F. Slaght, 11 Apr 1943; Lt Col Anthony V. Grossetta, 22 Sep 1943; Col Bryan B. Harper, Oct 1943–1 May 1944. Col Malcolm A. Moore, 18 Aug 1955; Col James R. Wergin, by Aug 1957; Col Jones E. Bolt, 25 Jul 1958; Lt Col William D. Chalek, 4 Oct 1959–1 Apr 1960. Brig Gen Gilbert

L. Pritchard, 1 Nov 1963; Maj Gen Gilbert L. Meyers, 30 Dec 1963; Maj Gen Gilbert L. Pritchard, 21 Apr 1965; Maj Gen Walter B. Putnam, 2 Aug 1965; Brig Gen Albert W. Schinz, 1 Nov 1966; Maj Gen Andrew J. Evans, Jr, 30 Jul 1968; Col Everett N. Farrell, 4 Sep 1970 (temporary); Maj Gen Richard C. Catledge, 1 Mar 1971; Maj Gen Woodard E. Davis, Jr, 1 Aug 1973; Brig Gen Wayne E. Whitlatch, 21 Jan 1974; Maj Gen Howard M. Lane, 4 Mar 1974; Brig Gen Thomas H. McMullen, 1 Sep 1975; Maj Gen Malcolm E. Ryan, 1 Oct 1976; Maj Gen Gerald J. Carey, Jr, 15 Jul 1978; Maj Gen Thomas S. Swalm, 17 Aug 1981; Maj Gen John E. Jaquish, 30 Oct 1986; Maj Gen John A. Corder, 16 Jan 1989; Maj Gen George B. Harrison, 4 Oct 1992–.

Aircraft

P–35, 1941; P–40, 1941; P–39, 1942, 1942–1943; P–51, 1943; P–47, 1943–1944. F–86, 1955–1959; C–119, 1956; T–33, 1957; C–45, 1957. Between 1963 and 1973, tested tactical weapon systems and tactics using a cross section of TAC aircraft, including: A–4, A–37, B–57, C–119, C–123, C–124, CH–3, CH–21, F–100, F–101, F–104, F–105, O–1, OV–10, RB–66, T–33, and UH–1; C–130, 1964–1974; F–4, 1964–1994; RF–4, 1965–1990; F–5, 1965–1978; F–111, 1968–1978; A–7, 1972–1974; AC–130, 1972–1978; EF–111, 1976–; F–15, 1976–; F–16, 1978–; A–10, 1978–; E–3, 1980.

Operations

Trained fighter pilots, Jan–Dec 1941. After the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, moved to the Canal Zone to fly patrols in defense of the Panama Canal. Returned to Florida in Nov 1942, where it trained replacement fighter pilots until disbanded on 1 May 1944. Between Aug 1955 and Apr 1960, served as an air defense unit, participating in NORAD exercises and testing automated air defense systems. Activated as the USAF Tactical Air Warfare Center in 1963 to improve use of USAF tactical aviation in support of ground forces by operationally testing weapon systems and tactics for the joint U.S. Strike Command. Employed a cross-section of tactical aircraft from Tactical Air Command bases across the country. During the conflict in Vietnam, tested tactical weapons systems and tactics for use in Southeast Asia. After the Vietnam conflict, continued operational testing of new tactical aviation weapon systems. In 1977, began an annual series of Air Force-wide exercises to improve command, control, communications, and intelligence techniques.

Around the same time, embarked on the electronic warfare evaluation program, and continued operational tests and evaluations of aviation weapon systems for Tactical Air Command and later Air Combat Command, the Department of Defense, and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Organizational Excellence Awards: 1 Jan 1981–1 Jan 1983; 28 Feb 1984–28 Feb 1986.

Emblem

Per bend Azure and light Blue, a bend Argent in chief of three mullets, two of five points and one of four of the last, over all on the bend a sword of the third winged Or, with hilt and pommel of the last emitting from the point of the blade two lightning flashes, one fesswise to sinister and one palewise to base Gules all within a diminished bordure of the fourth. Approved on 26 May 1964 (K 15575).



55th Wing

Established as 55th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing on 29 Jun 1948. Activated on 19 Jul 1948. Inactivated on 14 Oct 1949. Redesignated 55th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, Medium, on 27 Oct 1950. Activated on 1 Nov 1950. Redesignated: 55th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing on 16 Aug 1966; 55th Wing on 1 Sep 1991.

Assignments

311th Air Division, Reconnaissance (later 311th Air Division), 19 Jul 1948–14 Oct 1949. Second Air Force, 1 Nov 1950; 21st Air (later, 21st Strategic Aerospace) Division, 1 Oct 1952 (attached to 5th Air Division, 18 May–16 Aug 1955); 810th Strategic Aerospace Division, 1 Sep 1964; 12th Strategic Aerospace Division, 2 Jul 1966; 14th Strategic Aerospace (later, 14th Air) Division, 30 Jun 1971; 4th Air Division, 1 Oct 1976; 57th Air Division, 1 Apr 1980; 12th Air Division, 1 Oct 1982; 14th Air Division, 1 Oct 1985; Second Air Force, 1 Sep 1991; Twelfth Air Force, 1 Jul 1993–.

Components

Group. 55th Strategic Reconnaissance (later, 55th Operations): 19 Jul 1948–14 Oct 1949; 1 Nov 1950–16 Jun 1952; 1 Sep 1991–.

Squadrons. 1st Airborne Command and Control: 1 Nov 1975–1 Sep 1991. 1st Strategic Reconnaissance (Provisional): attached 1 Sep–9 Oct 1948. 1st Strategic Reconnaissance: attached 10–26 Oct 1948; attached 14 Jan–1 Jun 1949. 2d Airborne Command and Control: 1 Apr 1970–1 Sep 1991. 23d Strategic Reconnaissance: attached 1–17 Jun 1949. 38th Strategic Reconnaissance: attached 6 Jan 1951–15 Jun 1952, assigned 16 Jun 1952–1 Apr 1970; assigned 1 Apr 1979–1 Sep 1991. 55th Air Refueling: attached 8 Jan 1951–15 Jun 1952, assigned 16 Jun 1952–18 Feb 1954; assigned 1 Oct 1955–15 Mar 1963 (detached 31 Oct–27 Dec 1956). 82d Reconnaissance: 2 Oct 1991–1 Jul 1992. 323d Strategic Reconnaissance: attached 19 Sep–10 Oct 1949. 338th Strategic Reconnaissance: attached 25 Nov 1950–15 Jun 1952, assigned 16 Jun 1952–15 Jun 1963; assigned 25 Mar–25 Dec 1967. 343d Strategic Reconnaissance: attached 19 Jul–26 Oct 1948; attached 4 Jan 1951–15 Jun 1952, assigned 16 Jun 1952–1 Sep 1991. 548th Strategic Missile: attached 1–31 Aug 1964, assigned 1 Sep 1964–25 Mar 1965. 922d Reconnaissance: 1 Jun–1 Jul 1992.

Stations

Topeka (later, Forbes) AFB, KS, 19 Jul 1948–14 Oct 1949. Ramey AFB, Puerto Rico, 1 Nov 1950; Forbes AFB, KS, 5 Oct 1952; Offutt AFB, NE, 16 Aug 1966–.

Commanders

Col Alfred F. Kalberer, 19 Jul 1948; Col William R. Yancey, 20 Oct 1948; Col John H. Davies, 17 Aug–14 Oct 1949. Col Richard T. King, 1 Nov 1950; Brig Gen Sydney D. Grubbs, Jr., 20 Dec 1950; Col Alfred F. Kalberer,

18 Feb 1952; Brig Gen Joseph D. C. Caldara, 1 Oct 1952; Col Clayton Stiles, 24 Dec 1952; Col Adam K. Breckenridge, 26 Jan 1953; Col Olbert F. Lassiter, 1 May 1955; Col James K. Johnson, 16 Feb 1957; Col Norton H. Van Sicklen, 1 Aug 1959; Col William D. Kyle, Jr., 2 Jul 1960; Col John G. Glover, 1 Jun 1961; Col Marion C. Mixon, 9 Jun 1963; Col William E. Riggs, 29 Aug 1966; Col Anthony Martinez, 17 Jul 1970; Col Marvin N. Morss, 30 Jun 1971; Col George D. Miller, 31 Aug 1972; Col Joe L. Church, 23 Jul 1974; Col Guy H. Winstead, Jr., 5 Mar 1976; Brig Gen Regis F. A. Urschler, 26 May 1978; Col Donald G. Krause, 4 Aug 1980; Col W. John Soper, 19 Mar 1982; Col Merlin F. Stevens, 29 Nov 82; Col Mark J. Heller, 17 Oct 1984; Col Richard F. Vara, 26 Jun 1985; Col Lawrence A. Mitchell, 3 Jun 1986; Col Daniel R. Peterson, 31 May 1988; Col Thomas F. Atkinson, Jr., 28 Jun 1990; Col William G. Manire, 1 Jul 1991–.

Aircraft and Missiles

B/RB–17, 1948–1949; B/RB–29, 1948–1949; RC–54, 1948. B/RB–29, 1950–1951; RB–50, 1950–1954; EB/RB–47, 1954–1967; Atlas, 1964–1965; EC/KC–135, 1966–; RC–135, 1967–; E–4, 1975–; C–135, 1977–; NKC–135, 1983–; TC–135, 1988–; T–38, 1992–.

Operations

Provided precise Shoran and Hiran mapping and photographic reconnaissance, 1948–1949. Performed strategic reconnaissance, charting photography, precise electronic geodetic mapping, and electronic reconnaissance, 1950–1954. When mapping and charting functions transferred on 1 May 1954, wing assumed mission of global strategic reconnaissance, including electronic reconnaissance, weather reconnaissance (to Jun 1963), and photographic reconnaissance (to May 1964). Deployed at Ben Guerir AB, French Morocco, May–Aug 1955. Responsible for an Atlas missile complex, Aug 1964–Mar 1965. Became responsible for SAC's airborne command post and post-attack command and control operations, Aug 1966. In addition, flew SAC logistic support missions after Sep 1971. Conducted K/E/RC–135 pilot training as required. Became responsible for the National Emergency Airborne Command Post E–4 aircraft fleet in 1975. Began Airborne Launch Control operations in 1978 using EC–135Cs as flying launch/control platforms for Minuteman, and later, Peacekeeper strategic missile systems. Awarded the P. T. Cullen award five times since 1971 for its contributions to photo and signal intelligence collection. Operated from bases in the US, Mediterranean, Europe, and the Pacific. Provided reconnaissance for contingencies in Grenada, 1983; Libya, 1986;

and Southwest Asia, 1990–1991. Ended nearly twenty-five years of continuous Airborne Command Post operations in 1990, assumed a modified alert posture, and continued worldwide reconnaissance. With seven operational squadrons in Jul 1992, became one of the largest wings in the Air Force.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Grenada, 1983.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: Jul 1956–Nov 1957; 1 Jul 1963–30 Jun 1964; 1 Jul 1966–30 Jun 1967; 1 Jul 1972–30 Jun 1974; 1 Jul 1974–30 Jun 1976; 1 Jul 1976–30 Jun 1978; 1 Jul 1978–30 Jun 1980; 1 Jul 1987–30 Jun 1989; 1 Jul 1989–30 Jun 1991.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 55th Operations Group prior to 19 Jul 1948.

Service Streamers. World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers. World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Decorations. Distinguished Unit Citations: ETO, 3–13 Sep 1944; Germany, 19 Feb 1945.

Emblem

Azure on a fess indented Or a similar bar Gules all within a diminished bordure of the second. *Motto:* PURSUIT TO DEFEND. Approved for 55th Group on 18 Feb 1942 and for the 55th Wing on 20 Nov 1951, and reinstated 15 Jun 1994 (42880 AC); replaced emblem approved on 4 Feb 1954 (K 8090).



56th Fighter Wing

Established as 56th Fighter Wing on 28 Jul 1947. Organized on 15 Aug 1947. Redesignated 56th Fighter-Interceptor Wing on 20 Jan 1950. Inactivated on 6 Feb 1952. Redesignated 56th Fighter Wing (Air Defense), and activated, on 28 Dec 1960. Organized on 1 Feb 1961. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 1 Jan 1964. Redesignated 56th Air Commando Wing, and activated, on 16 Mar 1967. Organized on 8 Apr 1967. Redesignated: 56th Special Operations Wing on 1 Aug 1968; 56th Tactical Fighter Wing on 30 Jun 1975; 56th Tactical Training Wing on 1 Oct 1981; 56th Fighter Wing on 1 Oct 1991.

Assignments

Fifteenth Air Force, 15 Aug 1947; Strategic Air Command, 1 Oct 1947; Tenth Air Force, 1 Dec 1948 (attached to 26th Air Division [Defense], 10 Dec 1949–19 Feb 1950; 30th Air Division [Defense], 20 Feb 1950–); Eastern Air Defense Force, 1 Sep 1950–6 Feb 1952 (remained attached to 30th Air Division [Defense] to 6 Feb 1952). Air Defense Command, 28 Dec 1960; Sault Sainte Marie Air Defense Sector, 1 Feb 1961; Duluth Air Defense Sector, 1 Oct 1963; Strategic Air Command, 1 Jan 1964. Pacific Air Forces, 16 Mar 1967; Thirteenth Air Force, 8 Apr 1967 (attached to Seventh Air Force, 8 Apr 1967–26 Feb 1974; United States Support Activities Group/Seventh Air Force, 27 Feb 1974–30 Jun 1975); Ninth Air Force, 30 Jun 1975; Nineteenth Air Force, 1 Apr 1994–.

Components

Group. 56th Fighter (later, 56th Fighter-Interceptor, 56th Operations): 15 Aug 1947–6 Feb 1952; 1 Nov 1991–4 Jan 1994; 1 Apr 1994–.

Squadrons. 1st: 20 Dec 1967–15 Dec 1972. 13th Tactical Fighter Training: 15 Jan 1976–1 Jul 1982. 18th: 25 Aug 1971–31 Dec 1972. 21st Helicopter (later, 21st Special Operations): 27 Nov 1967–30 Jun 1975. 22d: 25 Oct 1968–30 Sep 1970. 23d Tactical Air Support: 15 Mar 1972–30 Jun 1975. 61st Tactical Fighter (later, 61st Tactical Fighter Training): 30 Jun 1975–1 Nov 1991. 62d Tactical Fighter (later, 62d Tactical Fighter Training): 1 Feb 1961–16 Dec 1963; 30 Jun 1975–1 Nov 1991. 63d Tactical Fighter (later, 63d Tactical Fighter Training): 30 Jun 1975–1 Nov 1991. 72d Tactical Fighter Training: 1 Jul 1982–1 Nov 1991. 97th: attached 1 Dec 1950–20 May 1951. 361st Tactical Electronic Warfare: 1 Sep 1972–30 Jun 1974. 554th Reconnaissance: 15 Dec 1970–30 Sep 1972. 602d: 8 Apr 1967–31 Dec 1970. 606th: 8 Apr 1967–15 Jun 1971. 609th: 15 Sep 1967–1 Dec 1969. 4501st Tactical Fighter Replacement: 30 Jun 1975–15 Jan 1976.

Stations

Selfridge Field (later, AFB), MI, 15 Aug 1947–6 Feb 1952. K.I. Sawyer AFB, MI, 1 Feb 1961–1 Jan 1964. Nakhon Phanom RTAFB, Thailand, 8 Apr 1967–30 Jun 1975; MacDill AFB, FL, 30 Jun 1975; Luke AFB, AZ, 1 Apr 1994–.

Commanders

Col William T. Hudnell, 15 Aug 1947; Lt Col David T. McKnight, Jun 1949; Col James R. Gunn, Jr., 23 Aug 1949; Col George S. Brown, 15 Aug 1951–6 Feb 1952. None (not manned), 28 Dec 1960–31 Jan 1961; Col James F. Reed,

1 Feb 1961; Col John M. Konosky, 16 May 1963–1 Jan 1964. None (not manned), 16 Mar–7 Apr 1967; Col Harry C. Aderholt, 8 Apr 1967; Col Roland K. McCoskrie, 19 Nov 1967; Col Edwin J. White, Jr., 7 Nov 1968; Col Patrick M. Fallon, 31 May 1969; Col Edwin J. White, Jr., (by 18) Jun 1969; Col Samuel E. Crosby, Jr., 5 Oct 1969; Col Edward J. Walsh, Jr., 8 Aug 1970; Col Jack E. Robinson, 15 Jul 1971; Col Norbert L. Simon, 17 Jun 1972; Col Robert E. Wayne, 1 Dec 1972; Col William B. Owens, 30 Jun 1973; Col Ralph H. Bowersox, 15 Sep 1973; Col Charles E. Woods, 26 Sep 1973; Col Perry J. Dahl, 15 Jul 1974; Col Harry A. Goodall, 3 Feb 1975; Col Gerald J. Carey, Jr., 30 Jun 1975; Col Ernest A. Bedke, 11 Aug 1975; Col Charles J. Cunningham, Jr., 4 Nov 1977; Col Henry D. Canterbury, 7 Jul 1979; Col Henry Viccaglio, Jr., 15 Jan 1982; Col Ronald R. Fogleman, 4 Mar 1983; Col Jimmie L. Cash, 29 Aug 1984; Col Joseph W. Ralston, 6 Feb 1986; Brig Gen James L. Jamerson, 27 Feb 1987; Brig Gen Ben Nelson, Jr., 18 Jan 1989; Brig Gen Marvin R. Esmond, 2 Sep 1992–.

Aircraft

P (later, F)–80, 1947–1950; F–86, 1950–1952; F–47, 1951–1952; F–51, 1951–1952; F–94, 1951–1952. F–101, 1961–1963. A–1, 1967–1972; A–26, 1967–1969; CH–3, 1967–1972; C–123, 1967–1971; T–28, 1967–1973; RT–28, 1967–1972; U–6, 1967; U–10, 1967–1969; UC–123, 1968–1971; C–47, 1969–1972; CH–53, 1970–1975; QU–22, 1970–1972; AC–119, 1971–1972; EC–47, 1972–1974; H–34, 1972; OV–10, 1972–1975; O–1, 1973; F–4, 1975–1982; F–16, 1980–.

Operations

Supported exercises, operations, and training programs of Strategic Air Command, 1947–1948. Pioneered the first west-to-east jet fighter transatlantic crossing along the northern air route in Jul 1948. Provided air defense for a large portion of the northeastern United States, Dec 1948–Feb 1952. Provided air defense in the Michigan area, 1961–1963. Combat in Southeast Asia, Apr 1967–Aug 1973, and combat support until Jun 1975, employing a wide variety of aircraft to meet specialized missions. Missions included interdiction, psychological warfare, close air support, search and rescue, forward air control, training Thai and Laotian air forces, and helicopter escort for clandestine insertion and extraction of personnel in Laos and North Vietnam. Provided close air support at the sieges of Khe Sanh, Feb–Apr 1968, and Lima Site 85, Jan–Mar 1968. Participated in Son Tay Prison raid on 21 Nov 1970. Continued combat in Vietnam until mid-Jan 1973, in Laos until 22 Feb 1973, and in Cambodia until 15 Aug 1973. Assisted in the evacuations of

Phnom Penh on 11 Apr 1975 and Saigon, 29–30 Apr 1975, prior to communist takeover. Provided forward air control and helicopter insertion/extraction support during the *SS Mayaguez* rescue operation on 15 May 1975. Returned to the United States on 30 Jun 1975 and absorbed resources of the 1st Tactical Fighter Wing. Operated MacDill AFB and nearby Avon Park Range, FL. Conducted F–4D/E replacement training for pilots, weapon systems officers, and maintenance personnel, Jul 1975–Jul 1982. Conducted a service test of TAC’s “production oriented maintenance organization” in 1976 and converted to the POMO concept in Mar 1977. Used UH–1P helicopters, 1976–1987, to support Avon Range logistics needs, search and rescue efforts, and humanitarian missions. Continued to participate in the Air Reserve Advisory Program, providing assistance and support to numerous AFRES tactical fighter units. With conversion to F–16A/B aircraft in 1980–1982, the 56th became the designated unit for transitioning USAF and select allied nation pilots into the new fighter, while continuing to augment NORAD’s air defense forces in the southeastern US. Provided logistic support to US Central Command beginning in 1983, and to US Special Operations Command after 1986. Upgraded to F–16C/D aircraft in 1988–1990. Provided support personnel and equipment to units in Southwest Asia, Aug 1990–Mar 1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

Vietnam: Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air/Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; TET 69/ Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer-Fall, 1969; Vietnam Winter-Spring, 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon; Commando Hunt V; Commando Hunt VI; Commando Hunt VII; Vietnam Ceasefire.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Presidential Unit Citations (Southeast Asia): 1 Nov 1968–1 May 1969; 1 Oct 1969–30 Apr 1970; 1 Apr 1972–22 Feb 1973. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat “V” Device: 1 Dec 1970–30 Nov 1971; 1 Dec 1971–29 Feb 1972; 23 Feb 1973–28 Feb 1974; 24 Jan–2 May 1975. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jan 1977–1 Jan 1979; 1 Jul 1980–30 Jun 1982; 1 Jun 1984–31 May 1986; 1 May 1987–30 Apr 1989; 1 May 1989–30 Apr

1990; 1 May 1990–30 Apr 1991. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 8 Apr 1967–28 Jan 1973.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 56th Operations Group prior to 15 Aug 1947.

Service Streamers. World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers. World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Decorations. Distinguished Unit Citations: ETO, 20 Feb–9 Mar 1944; Holland, 18 Sep 1944.

Emblem

Tenne, on a chevron Azure fimbriated Or, two lightning flashes chevronwise of the last all within a diminished bordure Or. *Motto:* CAVE TONITRUM—Beware of the thunderbolt. Approved for 56th Group on 4 Apr 1942 and for 56th Wing on 19 Apr 1967 (K 9834).



57th Wing

Established as 57th Fighter Wing c. 15 Mar 1948. Organized on 20 Apr 1948.
Redesignated 57th Fighter-Interceptor Wing on 20 Jan 1950. Inactivated on 1 Jan 1951.
Redesignated 57th Fighter Weapons Wing on 22 Aug 1969. Activated on 15 Oct 1969.
Redesignated: 57th Tactical Training Wing on 1 Apr 1977; 57th Fighter Weapons Wing
on 1 Mar 1980; 57th Fighter Wing on 1 Oct 1991; 57th Wing on 15 Jun 1993.

Assignments

Alaskan Air Command, 20 Apr 1948–1 Jan 1951. USAF Tactical Fighter Weapons (later, USAF Fighter Weapons; USAF Weapons and Tactics; Air Warfare) Center, 15 Oct 1969–.

Components

Groups. 57th Fighter (later, 57th Fighter-Interceptor; 57th Operations): 20 Apr 1948–1 Jan 1951 (detached 10 Dec 1950–1 Jan 1951); 1 Nov 1991–. 57th Test: 1 Nov 1991–. 4440th Tactical Fighter Training (Red Flag): attached 1 Oct 1979–28 Feb 1980, assigned 1 Mar 1980–1 Nov 1991. 4443d Tactical Training: 26 Jan 1990–1 Nov 1991.

Squadrons. 4th Troop Carrier: attached 2 Dec 1948–28 Feb 1949 and 14 Aug–14 Nov 1949. 7th Troop Carrier: attached 28 Feb–1 Jun 1949. 8th Troop Carrier: attached 1 Sep–2 Dec 1948 and 1 Jun–15 Aug 1949. 37th Troop Carrier: attached 4 Jul–1 Sep 1948. 54th Troop Carrier: attached c. 20 Apr–c. 1 Jul 1948 and 20 Sep 1949–31 Dec 1950. 64th Fighter Weapons (later, 64th Tactical Fighter Training Aggressor; 64th Aggressor): 15 Oct 1972–5 Oct 1990. 65th Fighter Weapons (later, 65th Tactical Fighter Training Aggressor; 65th Aggressor): 15 Oct 1969–7 Apr 1989. 66th Fighter Weapons: 15 Oct 1969–30 Dec 1981. 414th Fighter Weapons: 15 Oct 1969–30 Dec 1981. 422d Fighter Weapons (later, 422d Test and Evaluation): 15 Oct 1969–1 Nov 1991. 431st Fighter Weapons (later, 431st Test and Evaluation): 1 Oct 1980–1 Nov 1991. 433d Fighter Weapons: 1 Oct 1976–30 Dec 1981. 4460th Helicopter: 1 Nov 1983–1 Jun 1985. 4477th Test and Evaluation Flight (later, Squadron): 1 Apr 1977–15 Jul 1990. USAF Air Demonstration: 15 Feb 1974–.

Schools. USAF Fighter Weapons (later, USAF Weapons): 30 Dec 1981–; USAF Combat Rescue: 2 Jul 1993–15 Jul 1995.

Stations

Elmendorf AFB, AK, 20 Apr 1948–1 Jan 1951. Nellis AFB, NV, 15 Oct 1969–.

Commanders

Col Thomas L. Mosley, 20 Apr 1948; Col Harry W. Generous, 10 Sep 1948; Brig Gen Donald R. Hutchinson, 24 May 1949; Col James T. Posey, 18 Sep 1950; Col James W. Andrew, 18 Dec 1950–1 Jan 1951. Col William B. Williamson, Sr., 15 Oct 1969; Col Brian J. Lincoln, 1 Feb 1970; Col Freddie L. Poston, 16 Feb 1971; Col David D. Young, 23 May 1972; Col Wilford E. Deming III, 5 Jul 1973; Col William L. Strand, 3 Mar 1975; Col Ronald M.

Clements, 5 Aug 1977; Brig Gen Thomas S. Swalm, 26 Feb 1979; Brig Gen Charles J. Cunningham, Jr., 15 Jan 1980; Brig Gen Michael P.C. Carns, 14 Oct 1980; Brig Gen Michael C. Kerby, 10 May 1982; Brig Gen Joseph W. Ashy, 24 May 1984; Brig Gen Joel T. Hall, 22 Jan 1986; Brig Gen John P. Jumper, 8 Feb 1988; Brig Gen W. Thomas West, 21 May 1990; Brig Gen Anthony J. Tolin, 12 Nov 1991–.

Aircraft

F–51, 1948; F–80, 1948–1950; C–47, 1948; C–54, 1948, 1949–1950; C–82, 1948–1949, 1950. A–7, 1969–1975; F–4, 1969–1985, 1992–; F–100, 1969; F–105, 1969–1975; F–111, 1969–; T–39, 1969–c. 1972; T–38, 1972–1990; F–5, 1975–1989; F–15, 1976–; A–10, 1977–; F–16, 1980–; UH–1, 1981–1985, F–117, 1991–; HH–60, 1993–;

Operations

Replaced 57th Fighter Wing (Provisional) in Apr 1948. Operated Elmendorf AFB, AK, and several satellite bases, and provided air defense of Alaska, Apr 1948–Dec 1950. Also provided intra-theater troop carrier and airlift support, 1948–1950, using several attached troop carrier squadrons. Replaced by 39th Air Depot Wing in Jan 1951. Replaced 4525th Fighter Weapons Wing at Nellis AFB, NV, in Oct 1969. Trained tactical fighter aircrews, conducted operational tests and evaluations, demonstrated tactical fighter weapon systems, and developed fighter tactics. From Feb 1970 to Oct 1979, operated Nellis AFB for all base tenants. Operated USAF Air Demonstration Squadron (the “Thunderbirds”), Feb 1974–. Assumed operational control of “RED FLAG” exercises in Oct 1979; developed realistic combat training operations featuring adversary tactics, dissimilar air combat training, and electronic warfare. Incorporated intelligence training after Mar 1980. In Dec 1981, a major portion of the 57th’s training function was formally named the USAF Fighter Weapons (later, USAF Weapons) School in recognition of the wing’s long-standing training mission; this change incorporated the Fighter Weapons Instructor Course conducted at Mountain Home AFB (Det 2). In 1990 the aggressor mission transferred to 4440th TFTG and later to the 414th CTS. Gained F–4G Wild Weasel aircraft Aug 1992 and in Feb 1993, adding instruction in hunter/killer counter electronic warfare tactics. Added the 66th Rescue Squadron, equipped with HH–60 helicopters, on 1 Feb 1993 while the squadron was deployed in Southwest Asia.

Service Streamers.

None.

Campaign Streamers.

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers.

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 25 Oct 1969–25 Sep 1971; 1 Jun 1984–31 May 1986; 1 Jan 1989–31 Dec 1990.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display the honors earned by the 57th Operations Group prior to 20 Apr 1948.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. World War II: Egypt-Libya; Tunisia; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Rome-Arno; Southern France; North Apennines; Po Valley; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Decorations. Distinguished Unit Citations: North Africa and Sicily, 24 Oct 1942–17 Aug 1943; Tunis and Cape Bon Area, 18 Apr 1943; Italy, 14 Apr 1944. French Croix de Guerre with Palm: Oct 1942–May 1945.

Emblem

Silver Gray, a target Sable and Or surmounted in sinister chief by a projectile descending bend sinisterwise Gules, emitting four speed lines of the second, all within a diminished bordure of the third. Approved on 2 Sep 1970 (KE 8059); replaced emblem approved on 2 Feb 1950.



58th Special Operations Wing

Established as 58th Fighter-Bomber Wing on 25 Jun 1952. Activated on 10 Jul 1952. Inactivated on 1 Jul 1958. Redesignated 58th Tactical Fighter Training Wing on 22 Aug 1969. Activated on 15 Oct 1969. Redesignated: 58th Tactical Training Wing on 1 Apr 1977; 58th Fighter Wing on 1 Oct 1991; 58th Special Operations Wing on 1 Apr 1994.

Assignments

Tactical Air Command, 10 Jul 1952 (attached to Fifth Air Force, 10 Jul 1952–28 Feb 1955; Korean Air Division, Provisional, 314th, 1–14 Mar 1955; 314th Air Division, 15 Mar 1955–31 Dec 1956); Far East Air Forces, 1 Jan 1957; 314th Air Division, 1 Jan 1957–1 Jul 1958. Twelfth Air Force, 15 Oct 1969; Tactical Training, Luke, 1 Apr 1977; 832d Air Division, 1 Dec 1980; Twelfth Air Force, 1 Oct 1991; Nineteenth Air Force, 1 Jul 1993–.

Components

Wings. 49th Fighter-Bomber: attached 16–31 Mar 1953. 474th Fighter-Bomber: attached 1 Apr 1953–8 Nov 1954.

Groups. 49th Fighter-Bomber: attached 16–31 Mar 1953. 58th Fighter-Bomber (later, 58th Operations): 10 Jul 1952–8 Nov 1957; 1 Oct 1991–. 474th Fighter-Bomber: attached 1 Apr 1953–24 Nov 1954.

Squadrons. 69th Fighter-Bomber (later, 69th Tactical Fighter Training): attached 1 Mar–7 Nov 1957, assigned 8 Nov 1957–1 Jul 1958; assigned 15 Oct 1969–16 Mar 1983. 310th Fighter-Bomber (later, 310th Tactical Fighter Training): attached 1 Mar–7 Nov 1957, assigned 8 Nov 1957–1 Jul 1958; assigned 15 Dec 1969–1 Oct 1991. 311th Fighter-Bomber (later, 311th Tactical Fighter Training): attached 1 Mar–7 Nov 1957, assigned 8 Nov 1957–1 Jul 1958; assigned 18 Jan 1970–1 Oct 1991. 312th Tactical Fighter Training: 1 Oct 1984–18 Jan 1991. 314th Tactical Fighter Training: 1 Oct 1986–1 Oct 1991. 333d Tactical Fighter Training: 22 Mar–31 Jul 1971. 418th Tactical Fighter Training: 15 Oct 1969–1 Oct 1976. 425th Tactical Fighter Training: 15 Oct 1969–29 Aug 1979. 426th Tactical Fighter Training: 18 Jan 1970–1 Jan 1981. 461st Tactical Fighter Training: 1 Jul 1977–29 Aug 1979. 550th Tactical Fighter Training: 18 Jan 1970–29 Aug 1979. 555th Tactical Fighter Training: 5 Jul 1974–29 Aug 1979. 4461st Tactical Fighter Training: 23 Jun 1976–1 Jul 1977. 4511th Combat Crew Training: 15 Oct 1969–18 Jan 1970. 4514th Combat Crew Training: 15 Oct–15 Dec 1969. 4515th Combat Crew Training: 15 Oct 1969–18 Jan 1970. 4517th Combat Crew Training: 15 Oct 1969–18 Jan 1970.

Stations

Itazuke AB, Japan, 10 Jul 1952; Taegu AB, South Korea, Aug 1952; Osan-Ni (later, Osan) AB, South Korea, 15 Mar 1955–1 Jul 1958. Luke AFB, AZ, 15 Oct 1969; Kirtland AFB, NM, 1 Apr 1994–.

Commanders

Col James B. Buck, 10 Jul 1952; Col Victor E. Warford, 22 Jul 1952; Col Joseph Davis, Jr., 1 Jul 1953; Col Arthur C. Agan, Jr., 8 Aug 1953; Col Earl E. Bates, Jr., c. Jul 1954; Col Neil A. Newman, 15 Mar 1955; Col Richard T. Carlisle, 2 Dec 1955; Col Clifford Nash, 13 Jun 1956; Col Wayne E. Rhynard, 1 Aug 1956; Col Horace A. Hanes, 1957; Col Ralph L. Merritt, Jr., 1 Jun–1 Jul 1958. Col John J. Burns, 15 Oct 1969; Col John S. Clarke, Jr., 26 Jun 1970; Brig Gen Albert L. Melton, 31 Aug 1972; Brig Gen Fred A. Haeffner, 15 Aug 1974; Col John F. O'Donnell, 1 Apr 1977; Col James P. Coyne, 10 Jun 1977; Col Edward Levell, Jr., 4 Aug 1977; Col Peter T. Kempf, 27 Mar 1978; Col Alan P. Lurie, 29 Aug 1979; Col Malcolm F. Bolton, 5 Jun 1981; Col James F. Record, 23 May 1983; Col James M. Johnston III, 5 May 1984; Col Ralph T. Browning, 18 Sep 1985; Col Walter T. West, 16 Jul 1987; Col William F. Looke, 20 Apr 1988; Col William S. Hinton, Jr., 7 Sep 1989; Col Steven R. Polk, 2 Jul 1991; Brig Gen Ralph T. Browning, 1 Oct 1991; Brig Gen Patrick K. Gamble, 21 Aug 1992–.

Aircraft

F–84, 1952–1954; F–86, 1954–1958. F–100, 1969–1971; F/TF–104, 1969–1983; F–5, 1969–1979; A–7, 1969–1971; F–4, 1971–1982; F/TF–15, 1974–1979, 1991–; F–16, 1982–.

Operations

Replaced the 136th Fighter-Bomber Wing (a unit comprised of federalized Air National Guard squadrons) on 10 Jul 1952. Initially headquartered at Itazuke AB, Japan with assets in South Korea; moved to Taegu AB, South Korea, in August. Primarily flew interdiction and close air support missions, but also attacked special strategic targets such as military schools, dams, and port facilities. After the armistice, provided air defense of South Korea. From 15 Mar 1953 to 8 Nov 1954, service-tested a “reinforced” wing organization by absorbing support and administrative functions of the 49th Fighter-Bomber Wing (replaced in a name-only move on 1 Apr 1953 by the 474th Fighter-Bomber Wing) while exercising direct control of the tactical components of the attached wing. Retained control of the 474th Fighter-Bomber Group to 24 Nov 1954. Inactivated on 1 Jul 1958. Activated to replace the 4510th Combat Crew Training Wing at Luke AFB, AZ, on 15 Oct 1969. Conducted training of US, German Air Force, and other friendly foreign nation aircrew and support personnel. Participated in numerous operations and tactical exercises and operated Luke AFB until

Apr 1977. Managed Tactical Air Command's Central Instructor School, 1971–1981. Relinquished F–5 and F–15 aircraft to 405th Tactical Training Wing upon restructure of Luke AFB in 1981. Replaced F–4 aircraft with F–16 fighters in 1981–1982 and began transferring F–104s to overseas users in 1982; the last F–104 class graduated in Mar 1983. Began tactical training for US and foreign aircrews in the F–16A/B beginning in early 1983, and upgraded to the F–16C/D in 1984–1985. By 1988, the 58th had trained pilots and support personnel from the Netherlands, South Korea, Turkey, Pakistan, the Republic of Singapore, Norway, Greece, Egypt, Indonesia, and Venezuela. The 58th deployed small numbers of support personnel to Europe to augment USAFE units during the war in Southwest Asia. In the fall of 1991, its primary mission expanded to include tactical training in the F–15E all-weather strike fighter.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

Korea: Korea Summer-Fall, 1952; Third Korean Winter; Korea Summer, 1953.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: [15 Oct 1969]–31 Dec 1969; 1 Jan 1971–31 Dec 1972; 1 Jan 1975–31 Dec 1976; 1 Jan 1978–31 Dec 1979; 1 Aug 1982–31 May 1984; 1 Jun 1986–31 May 1988. Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation: 10 Jul 1952–31 Mar 1953.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 58th Operations Group prior to 10 Jul 1952.

Service Streamers. World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers. World War II: Bismarck Archipelago; New Guinea; Leyte; Luzon; Southern Philippines; Western Pacific; Ryukyus; Air Offensive, Japan; China Offensive.

Decorations. Distinguished Unit Citation: Philippines, 26 Dec 1944. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation.

Emblem

Azure, on clouds in base a representation of the Greek mythological goddess Artemis with quiver and bow, in her chariot drawn by two deer, all Or, garnished Tan and Brown, all within a diminished bordure of the second.

Motto: NON REVERTAR INULTUS—I will not return unavenged.

Originally approved for 58th Fighter Group on 10 Aug 1942 and for 58th FBW on 18 Nov 1952. Superseded by a new emblem approved for the 58th Tactical Missile Group on 14 Apr 1960 (K–11365), itself superseded by a return to the original emblem, approved for the 58th TFTW on 29 Dec 1969 (K–11748).



59th Medical Wing

Established as 59th Observation Group on 21 Aug 1941. Activated on 1 Sep 1941. Inactivated on 18 Oct 1942. Activated on 1 Mar 1943. Redesignated: 59th Reconnaissance Group on 2 Apr 1943; 59th Fighter Group on 11 Aug 1943. Disestablished on 1 May 1944. Redesignated 59th Tactical Fighter Wing on 31 Jul 1985 but remained inactive. Consolidated (1 Jul 1993) with the 3700th Medical Squadron, which was designated on 25 Aug 1948. Organized on 26 Aug 1948. Redesignated: 3700th Station Medical Squadron on 1 Nov 1948; 3700th Medical Group on 27 Jun 1950; 3700th USAF Hospital on 16 Oct 1953; USAF Hospital, Lackland on 1 Jul 1958; Wilford Hall USAF Hospital on 2 Mar 1963; Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center on 1 Jul 1969; 59th Medical Wing on 1 Jul 1993.

Assignments

I Air Support (later, I Ground Air Support) Command, 1 Sep 1941; First Air Force, 21 Aug–18 Oct 1942. Third Air Force, 1 Mar 1943; III Fighter Command, (by Sep) 1943–1 May 1944. 3700th Basic Training Wing, 26 Aug 1948; Indoctrination Division, Air Training Command, 22 Apr 1949; 3700th AF Indoctrination Wing (later, 3700th Military Training Wing; Lackland Military Training Center), 28 Oct 1948; USAF Aerospace Medical Center, 1 Oct 1959 (attached to Aerospace Medical Division, 1 Nov 1961–14 Apr 1962); Aerospace Medical Division, 15 Apr 1962; Air Training Command, 15 Jan 1987; San Antonio Joint Military Medical Command, 16 Feb 1987; Air Training (later, Air Education and Training) Command, 1 Oct 1991–.

Components

Squadrons. 9th Observation (later, 9th Reconnaissance; 488th Fighter): 1 Mar 1943–1 May 1944. 103d Observation: 1 Sep 1941–18 Oct 1942. 104th Observation (later, 104th Reconnaissance; 489th Reconnaissance; 489th Fighter): 1 Sep 1941–18 Oct 1942; 1 Mar 1943–1 May 1944. 119th Observation (later, 119th Reconnaissance; 490th Fighter): 1 Mar 1943–1 May 1944. 126th Observation (later, 126th Reconnaissance; 34th Photographic Reconnaissance): 1 Sep 1941–18 Oct 1942; 1 Mar 1943–11 Aug 1943. 447th Fighter: 20 Nov 1943–1 May 1944.

Stations

Newark, NJ, 1 Sep 1941; Ft Dix, NJ, 14 Nov 1941–18 Oct 1942. Ft Myers, FL, 1 Mar 1943; Thomasville AAFld, GA, c. 30 Mar 1943–1 May 1944. Lackland AFB, TX, 26 Aug 1948–.

Commanders

Lt Col Victor Dallin, 1941; Lt Col Chester A. Charles, Jan 1942–unkn. Maj Leland S. McGowan, c. 24 Mar 1943; Lt Col William R. Clingerman, Jr., 14 Apr 1943; Col James B. League, Jr., Oct 1943; Lt Col James Van G. Wilson, 11 Mar–c. 1 May 1944. Col John R. Copenhagen, 26 Aug 1948; Col Robert E. Lee, 21 Jun 1949; Col Howard C. Martin, c. Mar 1951; Col Robert S. Brua, c. Sep 1951; Col David Gold, 11 Jun 1955; Col James G. Moore, 20 Jul 1955; Col Don S. Wenger, 12 Aug 1957; Col John E. Pluenneke, 15 Aug 1957; Brig Gen James G. Moore, 1 Jun 1959; Brig Gen James W. Humphreys, Jr., 12 Sep 1960; Brig Gen Thomas H. Crouch, 1 Jun 1965; Col Robert E. Lau, 10 Jan 1966; Brig Gen Thomas H. Crouch, 16 May 1966; Brig Gen Edgar H. Underwood, Jr., 1 Nov 1968; Maj Gen Paul W. Myers,

Apr 1971; Brig Gen Kermit Q. Vandenbos, 28 Jul 1978; Maj Gen Monte B. Miller, 26 Mar 1985; Brig Gen Thomas P. Ball, 6 Jun 1986; Maj Gen Vernon Chong, 17 Feb 1987; Maj Gen Edgar R. Anderson, 14 May 1990–.

Aircraft

BC–1A, 1941–1942; L–59, 1941–1942; O–46, 1941–1942; O–47, 1941–1942; O–49, 1941–1942; O–52, 1941–1942. P–39, 1943–1944; P–40, 1944.

Operations

Following the outbreak of war, engaged in antisubmarine patrol along the East coast of the United States, Dec 1941–Oct 1943. During 1943–1944, trained pilots using P–39 aircraft. Began conversion to P–40s in Apr 1944 but inactivated the following month. Activated on 26 Aug 1948. Developed a program to train basic trainees as medical corpsmen to ease the shortage of medical personnel during the Korean War. By 1957, became the first Air Force unit for training interns. Designated a medical center in 1969. With the opening of a new hospital building in 1983, offered centralized outpatient care, a clinical investigation facility, the Air Force's largest dispensary system, and the only eye bank and organ transplant centers. Accomplished important research work in neonatal medicine, surgical transplants, orthopedic surgery, rheumatology, immunology, and maxillofacial surgery. The wing's Graduate Medical Education program consistently ranked among the top 10 percent nationally, providing residency and fellowship training in forty medical, dental, and related specialties. Its clinical investigations research kept the wing at the forefront of such areas as the development of high-frequency ventilation and extra-corporeal membrane oxygenation; new techniques for the care of premature infants; improved cancer treatments; bone banking and transplantation; laser photocoagulation; and acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS). In Dec 1989, provided medical support to casualties returning from operations in Panama. From 4 Jan to 21 Mar 1991, the unit was responsible for the largest medical deployment in Air Force history when more than 900 personnel went to RAF Little Rissington, England, to establish a 1500-bed hospital to support expected casualties from the war in Southwest Asia.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1957–31 Dec 1963; 1 Jan 1965–30 Jun 1966; 1 Jan 1975–31 Dec 1976; 1 Jan 1979–31 Dec 1980; 1 Jan 1983–31 Dec 1984; 1 Jan 1986–31 Dec 1987; 19 Dec 1989–31 Jan 1990.

Emblem

Azure, a mullet in dexter chief between five rays issuant fanwise in bend Or, from a cloud issuant from sinister base Argent, garnished of the second; all within a diminished bordure of the like. *Motto*: EXEMPLAR—An Example. Approved for 59th Group on 24 Nov 1942 (K 2806); adopted by 59th Medical Wing on 9 Dec 1993; replaced emblem approved on 4 Nov 1960 (K 12119).



60th Air Mobility Wing

Established as 60th Troop Carrier Wing, Medium, and activated, on 1 Jul 1948. Redesignated: 60th Troop Carrier Wing, Heavy, on 5 Nov 1948; 60th Troop Carrier Wing, Medium, on 16 Nov 1949. Inactivated on 25 Sep 1958. Redesignated 60th Military Airlift Wing, and activated, on 27 Dec 1965. Organized on 8 Jan 1966. Redesignated 60th Airlift Wing on 1 Nov 1991; 60th Air Mobility Wing on 1 Oct 1994.

Assignments

United States Air Forces in Europe, 1 Jul 1948 (attached to Airlift Task Force [Provisional], 29 Jul–3 Nov 1948; 1st Air Lift Task Force, 4 Nov 1948–19 Jan 1949); 1st Air Lift Task Force, 20 Jan 1949; United States Air Forces in Europe, 26 Sep 1949; Twelfth Air Force, 21 Jan 1951 (attached to 322d Air Division [Combat Cargo], 1 Apr 1954–31 Jul 1955); 322d Air Division (Combat Cargo), 1 Aug 1955–25 Sep 1958. Military Air Transport Service (later, Military Airlift Command), 27 Dec 1965; Twenty-Second Air Force, 8 Jan 1966; Military Airlift, Travis, 15 Feb 1979; Twenty-Second Air Force, 21 Jul 1980; Fifteenth Air Force, 1 Jul 1993–.

Components.

Groups. 60th Troop Carrier (later, 60th Military Airlift; 60th Operations): 1 Jul 1948–12 Mar 1957 (detached 1 Jul 1948–1 Jun 1951); 6 Mar 1978–15 Feb 1979; 1 Nov 1991–. 309th: attached 22 Mar–7 Aug 1956, assigned 8 Aug 1956–12 Mar 1957. 313th: attached 20 Jan–18 Sep 1949.

Squadrons. 7th: 13 Mar 1971–6 Mar 1978; 15 Feb 1979–1 Nov 1991. 10th: attached 15 Nov 1956–11 Mar 1957, assigned 12 Mar 1957–25 Sep 1958. 11th: attached 18–26 Sep 1949; attached 15 Nov 1956–11 Mar 1957, assigned 12 Mar 1957–25 Sep 1958. 12th: attached 15 Nov 1956–11 Mar 1957, assigned 12 Mar 1957–25 Sep 1958. 22d: 8 Feb 1972–6 Mar 1978; 15 Feb 1979–1 Nov 1991. 28th: 8 Jan 1966–8 Jul 1967 (detached 1–8 Jul 1967). 44th: 8 Jan 1966–1 Mar 1972. 62d: attached 6 Oct 1955–23 Apr 1956. 75th: 8 Jan 1966–6 Mar 1978; 15 Feb 1979–1 Nov 1991. 84th: 8 Jan 1966–1 Jul 1971. 85th: 8 Jan 1966–8 Jul 1967. 86th: 8 Jan 1966–6 March 1978; 15 Feb 1979–1 Nov 1991. 376th: attached 15 Nov 1956–11 Mar 1957, assigned 12 Mar 1957–25 Sep 1958. 377th: attached 15 Nov 1956–11 Mar 1957, assigned 12 Mar 1957–25 Sep 1958. 378th: attached 15 Nov 1956–11 Mar 1957, assigned 12 Mar 1957–25 Sep 1958. 776th: attached 28 Oct 1954–1 May 1955. 778th: attached 28 Apr–c. 1 Nov 1955. 7206th Air Transport: attached Mar–1 Nov 1957.

Stations

Kaufbeuren AB, Germany, 1 Jul 1948; Fassberg RAF Station, Germany, 20 Jan 1949; Wiesbaden AB, Germany, 1 Oct 1949; Rhein-Main AB, Germany, 2 Jun 1951; Dreux AB, France, 15 Oct 1955–25 Sep 1958. Travis AFB, CA, 8 Jan 1966–.

Commanders

Col Bertram C. Harrison, 1 Jul 1948; Col Henry W. Dorr, 27 Aug 1948; Lt Col Benjamin A. Karsokas, 16 Dec 1948; Col Robert C. Paul, 22 Dec 1948; Col Theron Coulter, 20 Jan 1949; Col James J. Roberts, Jr., 1 Oct 1949; Col Hilbert M. Wittkop, 8 Oct 1949; Col James J. Roberts, Jr., 3 Apr 1950; Col Aubrey C. Strickland, 2 Jun 1951; Col Laurence B. Kelly, 13 Jul 1952; Col Harry S. Bishop, 1 Nov 1953; Col Clyde Box, 1 Aug 1955–13 Feb 1956; unkn, 14 Feb–c. 21 May 1956; Col Randolph E. Churchill, c. 22 May 1956; Col James W. Ingram, c. Jul–25 Sep 1958. None (not manned), 27 Dec 1965–7 Jan 1966; Brig Gen Maurice F. Casey, Jr., 8 Jan 1966; Brig Gen James A. Hill, 8 Jul 1968; Brig Gen John H. Germeraad, 1 Mar 1970; Brig Gen Ralph S. Saunders, 14 May 1971; Col Charles F. Shannon, 16 May 1973; Brig Gen Harry A. Morris, 15 Oct 1973; Col Donald W. Bennett, 2 May 1975; Col Allen L. Trott, Jr., 1 Sep 1977; Col Richard J. Trzaskoma, 15 Feb 1979; Col Howard D. Jumper, 7 May 1980; Col Anthony J. Burshnick, 21 Jul 1980; Col Robert W. Sample, 8 Mar 1982; Col Robert V. Woods, 27 Feb 1984; Col Thomas D. Pilsch, 29 May 1986; Col John C. Tait, 6 Apr 1988; Col Bobby O. Floyd, 2 Jun 1989; Col William J. Beggert, 18 Jun 1990; Brig Gen John B. Sams, Jr., 11 Jul 1991–.

Aircraft

Primarily C–54, 1949; C–47, 1949; C–82, 1951–1953; C–119, 1951, 1953–1958; and C–123, 1956–1958. Also operated, in fewer numbers, C–45, 1948; C–74, 1948; B–17, 1949–1951; B–26, 1949–1951; C–47, 1949–1951, 1951–1955; C–54, 1949–1951, 1951–1952; C–82, 1949–1951; L–5, 1949–1951; L–20, 1955. Primarily C–124, 1966–1967; C–130, 1966; C–133, 1966–1971; C–141, 1966–; and C–5, 1970–. Also operated, in fewer numbers, VC/C–54, 1966–1969; VT/T–29, 1966–1973; U–3, 1966–1968; C–47, 1968–1969; C–131, 1969–1975; T–39, 1969–1975.

Operations

When the wing activated in Jul 1948, its tactical units were detached, supporting the Berlin airlift from other bases. The wing operated under control of the provisional airlift task force from 29 Jul 1948 but was not directly involved in airlift operations until it moved to Fassberg, Germany in Jan 1949. From 20 Jan to 26 Sep 1949, the wing flew Berlin airlift missions, primarily with C–54s. The wing then moved to Wiesbaden, Germany replacing the 7150th Air Force Composite Wing. Without a tactical mission until Jun 1951, the wing operated a variety of aircraft in support of USAFE

and other units. Upon moving to Rhein-Main AB, Germany, in Jun 1951 (where it replaced the 61st Troop Carrier Wing), the 60th resumed a tactical role. Operating from Rhein-Main AB until Oct 1955, the 60th Wing provided airlift for troops and cargo throughout Europe, North Africa, and the Middle East. It also provided training to the 433d Troop Carrier Wing, Aug 1951–Jul 1952, and the 312th Troop Carrier Wing, Jul 1952–Mar 1953. Moved to France in 1955 with no change in the basic airlift mission and continued operations from that area until inactivated in 1958. Replaced the 1501st Air Transport Wing, Heavy, at Travis AFB, CA, in Jan 1966. Flew global airlift and humanitarian missions from that time, initially with C-124, C-130, C-133, and C-141 aircraft. Lost C-130s in 1966, C-124s in 1967, and C-133s in 1971, but gained first operational C-5s in Oct 1970. Airlift of cargo and troops to Southeast Asia was a major responsibility of the wing, 1966–1975, but missions flown worldwide as required. In Nov 1966, a C-141 of the 60th Wing became the first jet to land on the Antarctic continent. The 60th also played a major role in the airlift of repatriated prisoners of war to the United States after the Vietnamese ceasefire agreement in 1973, and in the airlift of Vietnamese children and other refugees to the United States in 1975. After the war in Southeast Asia, continued to support worldwide airlift commitments, including scheduled and contingency logistics operations, humanitarian relief and evacuation efforts, and international scientific research programs. Provided logistic support to the President of the US during state visits to foreign nations and conducted airlift missions annually in the Antarctic, including the first C-5 ice cap landing. Exchanged its C-141A aircraft for “stretched” C-141B version in 1980–1982; transferred re-winged C-5A aircraft to AF Reserve and replaced them with more capable C-5B, 1986–1989. Performed combat airlift and logistic support missions during the rescue of US nationals on Grenada in Oct 1983 and the restoration of democracy in Panama, Dec 1989–Jan 1990. Beginning in Aug 1990, provided airlift and logistic support to US and coalition forces in Southwest Asia, while continuing to perform worldwide airlift operations, including humanitarian missions to nations to Latin America and the former Soviet Union. In Dec 1992, commenced airlift in support of US relief operations in Somalia.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamer

Grenada, 1983; Panama, 1989–1990.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 8 Jan–30 Jun 1966; 1 Jul 1966–30 Jun 1967; 1 Jul 1967–30 Jun 1968; 1 Jul 1974–30 Jun 1975; 1 Jul 1975–30 Jun 1977; 16 Dec 1989–31 Jan 1990; 1 Jul 1990–30 Jun 1992.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 60th Operations Group prior to 1 Jul 1948.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. World War II: Algeria-French Morocco; Tunisia; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Rome-Arno; Southern France; North Apennines; Po Valley; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Decorations. Distinguished Unit Citation: Mediterranean Theater of Operations, 28 Mar–15 Sep 1944.

Emblem

On a shield Azure, a pale of seven variegated pallets proper, Black, Yellow, Red, White, Blue, Orange, and Green, the pale fimbriated and surmounted by three symbols of flight Or, in bend, all within a narrow border of the last.

Motto: TERMINI NON EXISTENT—There are no bounds. Approved on 7 Sep 1955 (K 9634).



62d Airlift Wing

Established as 62d Troop Carrier Wing on 28 Jul 1947. Organized on 15 Aug 1947.
Redesignated: 62d Troop Carrier Wing, Medium, on 22 Aug 1948; 62d Troop Carrier
Wing, Heavy, on 12 Oct 1949. Inactivated on 1 Jun 1950. Activated on 17 Sep 1951.
Redesignated: 62d Air Transport Wing, Heavy, on 1 Jan 1965; 62d Military Airlift Wing
on 8 Jan 1966; 62d Airlift Wing on 1 Dec 1991.

Assignments

Twelfth Air Force, 15 Aug 1947; Fourth Air Force, 10 Dec 1948–1 Jun 1950. Eighteenth Air Force, 17 Sep 1951; Twenty-Second Air Force, 1 Jul 1957; Fifteenth Air Force, 1 Jul 1993–.

Components

Wing. 302d: attached 27 Jun 1949–5 May 1950.

Groups. 61st: attached 21 Nov 1952–24 Aug 1954. 62d Troop Carrier (later, 62d Operations): 15 Aug 1947–1 Jun 1950 (detached 2 May–1 Jun 1950); 1 Oct 1951–15 Jan 1960; 1 Dec 1991–.

Squadrons. 4th: attached 8–14 Jan 1960, assigned 15 Jan 1960–1 Dec 1991. 7th Logistic Support: 1 Jul 1963–1 Jul 1964. 7th: attached 8–14 Jan 1960, assigned 15 Jan 1960–22 Dec 1969. 8th: attached 8–14 Jan 1960, assigned 15 Jan 1960–1 Dec 1991. 19th Logistic Support (later, 19th Air Transport; 19th Military Airlift): 1 Jul 1963–22 Dec 1969. 28th: attached 1–7 Jul 1967, assigned 8 Jul 1967–8 Apr 1969. 36th Tactical (later, 36th Military) Airlift: 1 Jul 1975–1 Dec 1991.

Stations

McChord Field (later, AFB), WA, 15 Aug 1947–1 Jun 1950. McChord AFB, WA, 17 Sep 1951; Larson AFB, WA, 21 Apr 1952; McChord AFB, WA, 13 Jun 1960–.

Commanders

Col Julius A. Kolb, 15 Aug 1947; Col Fred C. Nelson, 10 Apr 1948–1 May 1950; none (not manned), 2 May–1 Jun 1950. Brig Gen Harold W. Bowman, 17 Sep 1951; Col Edward T. Imparate, 19 Mar 1952; Brig Gen Harold W. Bowman, Apr 1952; Brig Gen George F. McGuire, 18 Sep 1954; Col John M. Hutchison, 26 May 1958; Col Harold M. Brecht, 13 Jun 1960; Col Allison C. Brooks, 15 Aug 1960; Col Tracy J. Petersen, (by 27) Feb 1963; Col Allison C. Brooks, May 1963; Col Tracy J. Petersen, 3 Jan 1964; Col Hugh E. Wild, 7 Aug 1964; Col Theodore P. Tatum, 16 Nov 1966; Brig Gen Clare T. Ireland, Jr., 9 Jun 1967; Col John H. Germeraad, 16 Feb 1969; Brig Gen Arthur W. Cruikshank, Jr., 19 May 1969; Brig Gen John H. Germeraad, 22 Aug 1969; Brig Gen Van N. Backman, 1 Mar 1970; Brig Gen Benjamin F. Starr, Jr., 31 May 1973; Col Donald W. Bennett, 12 Aug 1973; Brig Gen Edward J. Nash, 14 Aug 1973; Col Allan K. Andreason, 8 Aug 1975; Col Donald D. Brown, 1 Jul 1977; Col James D. Kellim, 20 Feb 1979; Col Donald C. Smith, 18 Sep 1979; Col Jerry P. Harmon, 24 Mar 1982; Col

Vernon J. Kondra, 23 Mar 1984; Col Edwin E. Tenoso, 19 May 1986; Col Michael J. McCarthy, 16 Aug 1989; Col Howard J. Ingersoll, 17 Jun 1991–.

Aircraft

C–82, 1947–1950; C–54, 1949–1950. C–124, 1951–1969; C–54, 1952; C–141, 1966–; C–130, 1975–1989.

Operations

Conducted troop carrier operations, tactical exercises, and humanitarian missions initially with C–82s and later with C–54s, 1947–1950. Provided training for 302d Troop Carrier Wing, a Reserve corollary, Jun 1949–May 1950. Not operational 2 May–1 Jun 1950. Trained in troop carrier operations with C–124s and C–54s at McChord AFB, WA, in late 1951 and early 1952. Moved to Larson AFB, WA, in Apr 1952. From Larson, routinely performed troop carrier, air transport, and humanitarian missions on a global scale. Participated in the airlift of French troops from France to Indo-China in Operation Bali-Hai, Apr–May 1954. Provided a major portion of the airlift needed to construct the distant early warning (DEW) line in northern Alaska and Canada, 1955–1956, and thereafter periodically resupplied the DEW line stations. During the international geophysical year 1957–1958, and subsequently through 1962, supported scientific stations in the Arctic Ocean by airlanding and airdropping supplies on the drifting ice. Moved to McChord AFB in 1960. Helped transport UN troops and supplies to the Congo in 1960. Assumed responsibility in 1963 for worldwide airlift of nuclear weapons and associated equipment, continuing this mission through early 1971. Assumed airlift of Minuteman missiles from depots to operating sites in Apr 1971. In 1972, supported Presidential trips to China and the Soviet Union. From 12 Feb to 1 Apr 1973, transported former prisoners of war from North Vietnam to the Philippines and the United States. That same year, transported UN troops from Indonesia to Israel and Egypt as part of a peacekeeping effort. From Oct 1975 to Oct 1977, maintained a detachment of C–130s in the Canal Zone to support USAF needs in Central and South America. Airlifted troops and supplies during invasion of Grenada, also airlifted university students to safety, Oct–Nov 1983. Participated in the airdrop of heavy equipment and personnel during military action in Panama, 20 Dec 1989. Airlifted personnel and equipment in support of American involvement in Southwest Asia and operated airlift control elements at Zaragoza, Spain, to direct cargo and personnel destined for Southwest Asia, Aug 1990–Mar 1991. Evacuated and gave assistance to Americans at Clark

AFB and Subic Bay Naval Base, who were displaced by the eruption of Mount Pinatubo, Philippine Islands, Jun–Jul 1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Grenada, 1983.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jan 1961–1 Nov 1962; 1 Jul 1965–15 Jul 1966; 1 Jul 1969–30 Jun 1970; 1 Jul 1973–30 Jun 1974; 1 Jul 1981–30 Jun 1983; 1 Jul 1983–30 Jun 1985; 14 Jun–3 Jul 1991.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 62d Operations Group prior 15 Aug 1947.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. World War II: Tunisia; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Rome-Arno; Southern France; North Apennines; Po Valley; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Decorations. None.

Emblem

Gray, a globe with axis bendwise Azure gridlined of the first above in base two arched olive branches, one to dexter and one to sinister Vert, overall in pale a sword with blade Argent, hilt Or, the blade winged of the last, the point of the blade surmounting a sunburst of the like, all within a diminished bordure Or. Approved on 17 Nov 1969 (KE 37129); replaced emblem approved on 18 Aug 1955 (K&KE 9634). *Motto:* IN OMNIA PARATUS—IN ALL THINGS READY. Approved on 18 Aug 1955.



64th Flying Training Wing

Established as 64th Troop Carrier Wing, Medium, on 3 Jul 1952. Activated on 14 Jul 1952. Inactivated on 21 Jul 1954. Activated on 24 Oct 1960. Organized on 8 Feb 1961. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 1 Jan 1963. Redesignated 64th Troop Carrier Wing, and activated, on 7 Mar 1966. Organized on 1 Jul 1966. Redesignated 64th Tactical Airlift Wing on 1 May 1967. Inactivated on 31 May 1971. Redesignated 64th Flying Training Wing on 14 Apr 1972. Activated on 1 Oct 1972.

Assignments

Eighteenth Air Force, 14 Jul 1952–21 Jul 1954 (attached to 63d Troop Carrier Wing, Heavy, 15 Oct 1953–1 Mar 1954). Tactical Air Command, 24 Oct 1960; Ninth Air Force, 8 Feb 1961; Twelfth Air Force, 1 Jan 1962–1 Jan 1963. Tactical Air Command, 7 Mar 1966; 839th Air Division, 1 Jul 1966; Twelfth Air Force, 9 Mar 1970–31 May 1971. Air Training Command, 1 Oct 1972; Nineteenth Air Force, 1 Jul 1993–.

Components

Groups. 64th Troop Carrier (later, 64th Operations): 14 Jul 1952–21 Jul 1954 (detached 15 Oct 1953–15 Feb 1954); 15 May 1991–. 443d: attached 8 Jan–1 Feb 1953. 465th: attached 1 Feb–15 Oct 1953.

Squadrons. 4th Liaison: attached 22 Jul 1952–23 Jan 1953. 7th Liaison: attached 20 Oct 1952–9 Jan 1953. 17th: 8 Feb 1961–1 Jan 1963. 18th: 8 Jan 1962–1 Jan 1963. 33d: 11 May 1990–15 Dec 1991. 35th: 1 Oct 1972–15 Dec 1991. 52d: 11 May 1990–15 Dec 1991. 54th: 1 Oct 1972–15 Dec 1991. 61st: 1 Jul 1966–31 May 1971 (detached 5 May–14 Aug 1967, 28 Mar–29 Jun 1968, 28 May–7 Jul 1970, 12 Oct–19 Dec 1970). 62d: 1 Jul 1966–31 May 1971 (detached 13 Dec 1967–c. 28 Mar 1968, 1 Jul–2 Oct 1968, 5 Nov 1969–17 Jan 1970, 2 Jul–31 Aug 1970, 2 Apr–31 May 1971).

Stations

Donaldson AFB, SC, 14 Jul 1952–21 Jul 1954. Dyess AFB, TX, 8 Feb 1961–1 Jan 1963. Sewart AFB, TN, 1 Jul 1966; Little Rock AFB, AR, 9 Mar 1970–31 May 1971. Reese AFB, TX, 1 Oct 1972–.

Commanders

Brig Gen Franklin Rose, 14 Jul 1952; Brig Gen Glynne M. Jones, 1 Oct 1953 (additional duty); Col Bob Arnold, 28 Feb 1954; Col William C. Bentley, 1 May–21 Jul 1954. None (not manned), 24 Oct 1960–7 Feb 1961; Col Donald F. Blake, 8 Feb 1961; Lt Col Raymond J. Berger, 14 Jul 1962; Col Burl W. McLaughlin, 19 Jul 1962–1 Jan 1963. None (not manned), 7 Mar–30 Jun 1966; Col Jack W. Crawford, Jr., 1 Jul 1966; Col Robert D. Brown, 6 Jan 1967; Col Earle F. MacDonald, 20 Oct 1967; Col Leo A. Drake, Jr., 1 Aug 1968; Col Richard J. Gibney, 7 Jan 1970–31 May 1971. Col Walter H. Baxter III, 1 Oct 1972; Col Schuyler Bissell, 29 Jul 1974; Brig Gen Edward Mendel, 5 May 1975; Col Charles E. Bishop, 21 May 1977; Col Richard A. Ingram, 15 Feb 1979; Col Monte D. Montgomery, 7 Aug 1980; Col Richard E. Hearne, 9 Aug 1982; Col John R. Hullender, 28 Nov 1983; Col James W.

McIntyre, 7 Aug 1985; Col Mark H. Lillard III, 9 Jul 1987; Col Monroe S. Sams, 20 Dec 1988; Col William C. Henny, 22 Jun 1990; Col David R. Love, 29 May 1992–.

Aircraft

C–82, 1952–1953; L–20, 1952–1953; C–119, 1953, 1954. C–130, 1961–1963. C–130, 1966–1971. T–41, 1972–1973; T–37, 1972–; T–38, 1972–; T–1, 1992–.

Operations

Performed airlift and airdrop/airlanding of troops and cargo, routinely and during frequent maneuvers, 1952–1953. Began phasing down for inactivation in mid-Oct 1953, at which time tactical operations passed to 63d Troop Carrier Wing. In Feb 1954, however, began building up again in preparation for an overseas movement, but was inactivated instead. Activated at Dyess AFB, TX, in Feb 1961 with a troop carrier/airlift mission, plus resupply of Distant Early Warning sites on the Greenland ice cap. Inactivated on 1 Jan 1963. Replaced Troop Carrier Wing Provisional, 4413th, in Jul 1966 at Sewart AFB, TN. Provided global airlift and aeromedical evacuation, Jul 1966–May 1971. Also provided C–130 combat crew training for other C–130 units, 1 Jul 1966–6 Mar 1970, with this being the wing's primary activity from 9 Aug 1968 to 6 Mar 1970. Replaced at Little Rock AFB, AR, in May 1971 by 314th Tactical Airlift Wing. Replaced 3500th Pilot Training Wing in Oct 1972 and assumed mission of undergraduate pilot training and operation and maintenance of Reese AFB, TX. Supported Accelerated Co-Pilot Enrichment Program through operating locations at Minot AFB, ND, Ellsworth AFB, SD, and Grand Forks AFB, ND, 1976–1991. Began specialized undergraduate pilot training in Jul 1992, using T–1A to prepare students for airlift tanker/transport training and T–38 for students in fighter/bomber track.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Force Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat “V” Device: [1 Jul 1966]–30 Jun 1967. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jun 1969–31 May 1971; 30 Apr 1981–29 Apr 1983; 1 Apr 1984–31 Mar 1986; 1 Apr 1988–31 Mar 1990.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 64th Operations Group prior to 14 Jul 1952.

Service Streamers. World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers. World War II: Algeria–French Morocco; Tunisia; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Rome-Arno; Southern France; North Apennines; Po Valley; India-Burma.

Decorations. Distinguished Unit Citation: CBI Theater, 7 Apr–15 Jun 1944.

Emblem

Azure, a stylized eagle ascending bendwise with wings elevated, head, neck, wing tips, and tail feathers Argent, body, beak, wings, legs, claws and talons Or garnished Brown and Sable, grasping a lightning flash of the second, in dexter chief a mullet of five points of the like, all within a diminished bordure Or. Approved on 20 Feb 1973 (KE 51351); replaced emblems approved on 11 May 1962 (K 13154) and 4 Nov 1952 (27086 AC).



65th Air Base Wing

Established as 65th Troop Carrier Wing, Medium, on 26 May 1952. Activated in the Reserve on 14 Jun 1952. Inactivated on 1 Apr 1953. Redesignated 65th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, Medium, on 1 Apr 1953. Consolidated (1 Jan 1992) with the 1605th Military Airlift Support Wing, which was established, and activated, on 1 Jan 1982. Redesignated: 65th Support Wing on 27 Jan 1992; 65th Air Base Wing on 1 Oct 1993.

Assignments

First Air Force, 14 Jun 1952–1 Apr 1953. Twenty-First Air Force, 1 Jan 1982; Eighth Air Force, 1 Oct 1993–.

Components

Group. 65th Troop Carrier: 14 Jun 1952–1 Apr 1953.

Squadrons. 1605th Military Airlift (later, 65th Airlift) Support: 1 Jan 1982–1 Oct 1993.

Stations

Mitchel AFB, NY, 14 Jun 1952–1 Apr 1953. Lajes Field, Azores, 1 Jan 1982–.

Commanders

Col Charles K. Nelson, Jr., 14 Jun 1952; Col Howard C. Stelling, 31 Jul 1952–1 Apr 1953. Brig Gen Duane H. Erickson, 1 Jan 1982; Brig Gen Donald C. Smith, 25 Jun 1982; Col Donald A. Rigg, 22 May 1984; Brig Gen Larry D. Wright, 15 Jul 1986; Brig Gen James C. McCombs, 27 Jul 1987; Brig Gen Charles C. Barnhill, Jr., 7 Jul 1989; Brig Gen Thomas D. Pilsch, 22 Aug 1992–.

Aircraft

C-46, 1952–1953.

Operations

Reserve training toward proficiency with troop carrier aircraft, 1952–1953. Never fully manned or equipped. Provided enroute support for aircraft transiting Lajes, 1982–. Also provided base support to elements of the U.S. Army and U.S. Navy in the area. Wing commander also serves as Commander, United Forces, Azores. Supported deployment of personnel and equipment through Lajes during operations in the Persian Gulf, Aug 1990–Apr 1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jun 1988–31 May 1990.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 65th Observation (later, 65th Reconnaissance) Group prior to 14 Jun 1952.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater.

Decorations. None.

Emblem

Per saltire, Gules, Argent, Vert, and Azure, a saltire Or; in base a demi-globe of the fourth, gridlined Or; thereon an eagle with wings displayed proper; in chief an arc of seven mullets, four and three, of the second. Approved on 6 Aug 1987 (DFSC 87–11861).



66th Air Base Wing

Established as 66th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing on 15 Nov 1952. Activated on 1 Jan 1953. Inactivated on 1 Apr 1970. Redesignated 66th Electronic Combat Wing, and activated, on 1 Jun 1985. Inactivated on 31 Mar 1992. Redesignated 66th Air Base Wing on 16 Sep 1994. Activated on 1 Oct 1994.

Assignments

Ninth Air Force, 1 Jan 1953; Twelfth Air Force, 7 Jul 1953; United States Air Forces in Europe, 1 Jan 1958; Seventeenth Air Force, 15 Nov 1959; Third Air Force, 1 Sep 1966–1 Apr 1970. 65th Air Division, 1 Jun 1985; Seventeenth Air Force, 30 Jun 1991–31 Mar 1992. Electronic Systems Center, 1 Oct 1994–.

Components

Group. 66th: 1 Jan 1953–8 Dec 1957.

Squadrons. 17th: 10 May 1959–12 Jan 1970. 18th: 1 Jun 1959–30 Jan 1970. 19th: 8 Dec 1957–8 Mar 1958 (detached 8 Jan–8 Mar 1958). 30th: 8 Dec 1957–8 Mar 1958 (detached 8 Jan–8 Mar 1958). 32d: attached 8 Jan–7 Mar 1958, assigned 8 Mar 1958–1 Oct 1965. 38th: attached 8 Jan–7 Mar 1958, assigned 8 Mar 1958–1 Jan 1966. 42d: 1 Jun 1985–25 Jan 1991 (detached 2 Jun 1985–24 Jan 1991). 43d: 1 Oct 1986–31 Jul 1991 (detached 17 Jan–10 Mar 1991; 7 Apr–14 Apr 1991). 302d: 8 Dec 1957–20 Jun 1959. 303d: 8 Dec 1957–20 Jun 1959.

Stations

Shaw AFB, SC, 1 Jan–25 Jun 1953; Sembach AB, Germany, 7 Jul 1953; Laon AB, France, 10 Jul 1958; RAF Upper Heyford, England, 1 Sep 1966–1 Apr 1970. Sembach AB, Germany, 1 Jun 1985–31 Mar 1992. Hanscom AFB, MA, 1 Oct 1994–.

Commanders

Col Jacob W. Dixon, 1 Jan 1953; Col George H. Fulcher, 27 Mar 1953; Col Hervey H. Whitfield, (by Sep) 1954; Col Earl H. Jacobson, 25 Apr 1957; Col Robert R. Gideon, Jr., 8 Jun 1957; Brig Gen Kyle L. Riddle, Aug 1959; Col Bernard R. Muldoon, 6 Jul 1961; Col Nathan J. Adams, 2 Jul 1963; Col Charlie Falletta, 24 May 1965; Col Frederick W. Dyer, 10 Jul 1965; Col Frank C. Malone, 13 Jul 1965; Col Robert J. Holbury, 6 Jul 1966; Col Kendall S. Young, 14 Aug 1967; Col Harry M. Chapman, 26 Jun 1968; Col Herman G. Tillman, Jr., 4 Jul 1968–1 Apr 1970. Col Frederick A. Zehrer III, 1 Jun 1985; Col William B. Mitchell, 25 Mar 1988; Col David L. Vesely, 30 Jun 1989; Col John R. Fuhrmann, 18 May 1990; Joseph D. Ferris, 29 Jul 1991–31 Mar 1992.

Aircraft

RF–51, 1953; RB–26, 1953–1955; RF–80, 1953–1956; RB–57, 1954–1955, 1955–1958; B–57, 1955–1956; RF–84, 1955–1959; RB–66, 1957–1958;

RB–45, 1957; RF–101, 1958–1970; RF–4, 1969–1970. EF–111, 1985–1991; EC–130, 1986–1991.

Operations

Replaced 118th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing in Jan 1953. Provided day and night tactical reconnaissance for TAC, and participated in several exercises, Jan–May 1953. Moved to Europe in mid-1953. Provided day and night (primarily day, after Jan 1958) reconnaissance for USAFE and NATO, Jul 1953–Jan 1970. In addition, participated in a steady stream of tactical exercises and evaluations, readiness inspections, and training programs, until inactivation in 1970. Activated as an Electronic Combat Wing in Jun 1985. Trained EC–130 aircrews (43d ECS) in tactics and concept of operations, and along with NATO forces, on the concept and use of EC–130H COMPASS CALL electronic countermeasures. Administratively controlled EF–111s (42d ECS) which were based at RAF Upper Heyford, England, and operationally controlled by the 20th FW. Assigned host wing responsibilities that included support of numerous geographically separated units and logistical support for flying units located at Sembach AB. Deployed aircraft and personnel to Southwest Asia and Turkey, providing tactical and electronic combat operations against Iraq from 17 Jan–28 Feb 1991. Began phasing down operations in 1991, and inactivated on 31 Mar 1992.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jan–31 Dec 1962; 1 Apr 1987–1 Mar 1989; 1 Jun 1989–31 May 1991.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 66th Reconnaissance Group prior to 1 Jan 1953.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater.

Decorations. None.

Emblem

Per bend Gules and Azure, a bend nebuly Argent between a compass rose of the third and a lightning bolt Or all within a diminished bordure of the last.

Motto: OMNIA CONSPICIMUS—We Observe All. Approved on 18 Mar 1986 (DFSC 86–05093); replaced emblem approved on 26 May 1953 (K–955).



67th Intelligence Wing

Established as 67th Reconnaissance Wing on 6 Nov 1947. Organized on 25 Nov 1947. Redesignated 67th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing on 22 Aug 1948. Inactivated on 28 Mar 1949. Activated on 25 Feb 1951. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 8 Dec 1960. Activated on 2 Aug 1965. Organized on 1 Jan 1966. Redesignated 67th Reconnaissance Wing on 1 Oct 1991. Inactivated on 30 Sep 1993. Redesignated 67th Intelligence Wing, and activated, on 1 Oct 1993.

Assignments

Twelfth Air Force, 25 Nov 1947 (attached to 1st Fighter Wing, 25 Nov 1947–); Fourth Air Force, 20 Dec 1948–28 Mar 1949 (remained attached to 1st Fighter Wing to 28 Mar 1949). Fifth Air Force, 25 Feb 1951; 41st Air Division, 10 Nov 1958–8 Dec 1960. Tactical Air Command, 2 Aug 1965; Twelfth Air Force, 1 Jan 1966; 831st Air Division, 15 Apr 1966; Twelfth Air Force, 20 Apr 1971–30 Sep 1993. Air Intelligence Agency, 1 Oct 1993–.

Components

Groups. 26th: 1 Oct 1993–. 67th: 25 Nov 1947–28 Mar 1949; 25 Feb 1951–1 Oct 1957 (detached 1 Jul–1 Oct 1957); 1 Oct 1993–. 692d: 1 Oct 1993–. 694th: 1 Oct 1993–. 6960th Electronic Security: 1 Oct 1993–10 Jan 1995.

Squadrons. 4th: 15 Jul–15 Oct 1971. 7th: 15 Dec 1967–15 Oct 1971. 9th: 15 Jul–31 Aug 1971. 10th: 1 Jan 1966–30 Jun 1971. 11th: attached 1 Jun–24 Nov 1954; attached 1 Jul–30 Sep 1957, assigned 1 Oct 1957–8 Mar 1960; assigned 1 Apr–25 Oct 1966. 12th: attached 1 Jun–24 Nov 1954; attached 1 Jul–30 Sep 1957, assigned 1 Oct 1957–8 Mar 1960; assigned 1 Jul–2 Sep 1966; assigned 31 Aug 1971–30 Sep 1992 (detached 5 May–4 Jun 1974, 8–29 Sep 1977, 7 Jul–7 Aug 1981, 15 May–11 Jun 1984, 27 Aug–24 Sep 1987). 15th: attached 1 Jun–24 Nov 1954; attached 1 Jul–30 Sep 1957, assigned 1 Oct 1957–25 Apr 1960. 22d: 20 Sep 1966–15 Oct 1971 (detached 8–26 Oct 1968 and 15 Jul–15 Oct 1971). 45th Tactical Reconnaissance (later, 45th Tactical Reconnaissance Training): attached 1 Jun–24 Nov 1954; attached 1 Jul–30 Sep 1957, assigned 1 Oct 1957–25 Apr 1960; assigned 15 Oct 1971–31 Oct 1975 (detached 13 Jun–7 Jul 1973); assigned 1 Apr 1982–30 Sep 1989. 62d Tactical Reconnaissance Training: 1 Jul 1982–31 Dec 1989. 91st: 15 Jul 1971–30 Aug 1991 (detached 26 Apr–25 May 1972, 25 May–9 Jun 1977, 1 May–2 Jun 1980, 2 May–1 Jun 1983, 24 Apr–23 May 1985). 417th Tactical Fighter: 1 Jul 1968–15 Nov 1970 (detached 12 Jan–4 Apr 1969 and 11 Sep–10 Oct 1970). 421st Air Refueling: attached 17–30 Sep 1957, assigned 1 Oct 1957–8 Dec 1960 (detached 21 Nov–8 Dec 1960). 6021st: attached 1 Jul–8 Dec 1957. 6091st: attached 1 Jul–30 Sep 1957, assigned 1 Oct 1957–8 Dec 1960 (detached 21 Nov–8 Dec 1960).

Flight. 6166th Air Weather Reconnaissance: attached 25 Feb 1951–25 Nov 1953.

Stations

March Field (later, AFB), CA, 25 Nov 1947–28 Mar 1949. Komaki AB, Japan, 25 Feb 1951; Taegu AB, South Korea, 21 Mar 1951; Kimpo AB,

South Korea, 20 Aug 1951; Itami AB, Japan, 6 Dec 1954; Yokota AB, Japan, 1 Jul 1957–8 Dec 1960. Mountain Home AFB, ID, 1 Jan 1966; Bergstrom AFB, TX, 15 Jul 1971–30 Sep 1993. Kelly AFB, TX, 1 Oct 1993–.

Commanders

Col Arthur R. DeBolt, 25 Nov 1947; Lt Col Charles F. Scott, Jr., 4 Oct 1948; Lt Col Jack W. Hayes, Jr., 11 Oct 1948; Lt Col Horace A. Hanes, 1 Nov 1948; Lt Col Charles F. Scott, Jr., 12 Nov 1948; Col William H. Clark, 7 Jan 1949; Col Loren G. McCollom, 13 Jan 1949; Col Charles E. Marion, 16 Jan–28 Mar 1949. Col Karl L. Polifka, 25 Feb 1951; Col Bert N. Smiley, 1 Jul 1951; Col Vincent Howard, 4 Jul 1951; Col Edwin S. Chickering, 31 Oct 1951; Col Russell A. Berg, 13 Aug 1952; Col Charles F. Knierim, Jul 1953; Col Loren G. McCollom, 15 Aug 1953; Col Bernice S. Barr, c. Jul 1954; Col Prescott M. Spicer, 11 Aug 1954; Col Gwen G. Atkinson, 8 Nov 1956; Col Dalene E. Bailey, 22 Aug 1959; Col John G. Foster, 15 Jun–8 Dec 1960. None (not manned), 2 Aug–31 Dec 1965; Col Robert G. Williams, 1 Jan 1966; Col Wendell L. Bevan, Jr., 21 Nov 1966; Col Joseph Schreiber, 1 Jul 1968; Col Henry L. Warren, 1 Sep 1970; Col Walter F. Daniel, 15 Jul 1971; Col George A. Edwards, Jr., 28 Jul 1972; Col Thomas C. Pinckney, Jr., 8 Apr 1974; Col George M. Sauls, 2 Jul 1975; Col Davis C. Rohr, 19 May 1976; Col Robert L. Pearson, 3 Aug 1977; Col Charles R. Peters, 12 Feb 1979; Col Thomas L. Craig, 25 May 1979; Col David H. Reiner, 31 Oct 1980; Col Alan P. Lurie, 7 Jun 1981; Col Charles P. Sloan, Jr., 18 Jun 1982; Col John D. Logeman, Jr., 15 Mar 1984; Col Carl E. Franklin, 30 Jan 1986; Col Charles E. Loflin, 25 Jan 1988; Col Michael C. Short, 12 Jan 1990; Col Charles R. Harr, c. 1991; Col Scott W. Madole, 1 Sep 1992–.

Aircraft

B/RB–26, 1947–1949; F–6, 1947; FA–26, 1947–1949; FP (later, RF)–80, 1947–1949. C–47, 1951–1952; RB–26, 1951–1957; WB–26, 1951–1957; RF–51, 1951–1953; RF–80, 1951–1955; RF–86, 1951–1956; T–6, 1951; F–80, 1952–1953; F–86, 1953; F–84, 1955; RF–84, 1955–1958; RB–66, 1956–1960; C–47, 1957–1958; SC–47, 1957–1960; C–54, 1957–1958; C–119, 1957–1958; RB/KB–50, 1957–1960; RB–57, 1957–1960; T–33, 1957–1959; WB–66, 1958–1960; RF–101, 1958–1960. RF–4, 1966–1992; F–4, 1968–1969, 1969–1970.

Operations

When the 67th Wing organized in Nov 1947, only its 67th Reconnaissance Group was fully operational. The entire 67th Wing was attached to the

1st Fighter Wing until inactivated in 1949. The wing activated again in Feb 1951 for operations in Korea, absorbing resources of the 543d Tactical Support Group and immediately commencing combat reconnaissance operations. During the Korean War, provided photographic coverage of enemy airfields and rail lines, with weather reconnaissance as a secondary task. After the war, the wing remained in South Korea and later in Japan, to provide reconnaissance as needed. On 1 Jul 1957, it became the sole reconnaissance wing in the Far East, and in Sep 1957 added air refueling and military airlift to its mission, these new tasks continuing until the wing inactivated in Dec 1960. Six years later, the wing organized at Mountain Home AFB, ID, charged with aerial, visual, optical, electronic, thermal, and radar reconnaissance. Added RF-4C replacement training to its mission in May 1966, and in Jun 1968, added tactical fighter operations with F-4Ds. This latter mission ceased in Nov 1970. The wing moved to Bergstrom AFB, TX, in 1971, but from 15 May to 15 Jul 1971, the wing headquarters served in a dual role for the 67th TRW and the succeeding 347th TFW at Mountain Home AFB. At Bergstrom, the 67th absorbed the resources of the inactivated 75th TRW and continued the reconnaissance mission formerly handled by that wing. Maintained tactical reconnaissance mission forces capable of meeting worldwide operational commitments. Conducted reconnaissance training of USAF, US Marine, and allied RF-4C aircrews, 1982–1989. Acted as advisor to Air National Guard reconnaissance units until 1992. Performed reconnaissance missions supporting the US Customs Service, 1983–1992. Hosted the TAC-sponsored worldwide tactical reconnaissance competition (Reconnaissance Air Meet—RAM) at Bergstrom in 1986, 1988, and 1990. Deployed personnel and equipment in support of operations in Southwest Asia. RF-4C's from the 12TRS deployed to Shaikh Isa, Bahrain, 10 Jan–12 May 1991, photographing enemy targets, conducting searches for SCUD and SAM sites, tracking movement of the Iraqi Republican Guard and oil slicks, and conducting overall battle damage assessment. Ended flying operations in Aug 1992 and prepared for the closure of Bergstrom the following year.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

Korea: First UN Counteroffensive; CCF Spring Offensive; UN Summer-Fall Offensive; Second Korean Winter; Korea Summer-Fall, 1952; Third Korean

Winter; Korea Summer, 1953. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Grenada, 1983.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Dec 1952–30 Apr 1953; 1 Aug 1966–31 May 1968; 15 Jul 1971–15 May 1973; 16 May 1974–15 May 1976; 1 Jun 1982–31 May 1983; 1 Jun 1983–31 May 1984; 1 Jan 1985–1 Feb 1986. Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation: [25] Feb 1951–31 Mar 1953.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 67th Intelligence Group prior to 25 Nov 1947.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater; Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Decorations. Distinguished Unit Citation: Le Harve and Straits of Dover, 15 Feb–20 Mar 1944. Citations in the Order of the Day, Belgian Army: 6 Jun–30 Sep 1944; 16 Dec 1944–25 Jan 1945. Belgian Fourragere.

Emblem

On a shield per bend sinister, sky proper and Azure between a lightning bolt Gules, fimbriated Sable, in bend sinister, the quarter section of a sun, issuing from the dexter chief, Or, fimbriated Sable, in sinister four stars Argent, one, two and one, all the shield within a diminutive bordure Or. *Motto:* LUX EX TENEBRIS—Light from darkness. Approved on 20 Mar 1952 (K6492).



71st Flying Training Wing

Established as 71st Tactical Reconnaissance Wing on 10 Aug 1948. Activated on 18 Aug 1948. Inactivated on 25 Oct 1948. Redesignated 71st Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, Fighter, on 4 Nov 1954. Activated on 24 Jan 1955. Inactivated on 1 Jul 1957. Redesignated 71st Surveillance Wing (Ballistic Missile Early Warning System), and activated, on 6 Dec 1961. Organized on 1 Jan 1962. Redesignated 71st Missile Warning Wing on 1 Jan 1967. Inactivated on 30 Apr 1971. Redesignated 71st Flying Training Wing on 14 Apr 1972. Activated on 1 Nov 1972.

Assignments

1st Air Division, 18 Aug–25 Oct 1948 (attached to 32d Composite Wing, 24 Aug–25 Oct 1948). Fifteenth Air Force, 24 Jan 1955–1 Jul 1957. Air Defense Command, 6 Dec 1961; 9th Aerospace Defense Division, 1 Jan 1962; Fourteenth Aerospace Force, 1 Jul 1968–30 Apr 1971. Air Training Command, 1 Nov 1972; Nineteenth Air Force, 1 Jul 1993–.

Components

Group. 71st Tactical Reconnaissance (later, 71st Operations): 18 Aug–25 Oct 1948 (detached); 15 Dec 1991–.

Squadrons. 5th: 16 Feb 1990–15 Dec 1991. 7th: 19 Jan 1990–15 Dec 1991. 8th: 1 Nov 1972–15 Dec 1991. 23d: attached 18–24 Aug 1948. 25th: 24 Jan 1955–1 Jul 1957; 1 Nov 1972–15 Dec 1991. 26th: 19 Jan 1990–15 Dec 1991. 82d: 24 Jan 1955–1 Jul 1957. 91st: 24 Jan 1955–1 Jul 1957.

Stations

Kadena, Okinawa, 18 Aug–25 Oct 1948. Larson AFB, WA, 24 Jan 1955–1 Jul 1957. Ent AFB, CO, 1 Jan 1962; McGuire AFB, NJ, 21 Jul 1969–30 Apr 1971. Vance AFB, OK, 1 Nov 1972–.

Commanders

Col Edwin M. Day, 18–24 Aug 1948; none (not manned), 25 Aug–25 Oct 1948. None (not manned), 24 Jan–11 Feb 1955; Col Charles F. McKenna III, 12 Feb 1955; Col Charles A. Gayle, 26 Mar–1 Jul 1957. None (not manned), 6–31 Dec 1961; Col Robert L. Harriger, c. 1962; Col Edwin Bishop, Jr., c. 1965; Col Russell G. Ogan, 15 Jul 1968; Col William A. Larsen, 1 Jul 1969; Col Lincoln D. Faurer, 31 Dec 1970–30 Apr 1971. Col John P. Rollston, 1 Nov 1972; Col Schuyler Bissell, 24 Sep 1973; Col George T. Kertesz, 15 Jul 1974; Col James P. Smothermon, 10 Apr 1975; Col Thomas J. Magner, 17 Aug 1976; Col David J. Pennington, 1 Aug 1978; Col Wilson C. Cooney, 9 Apr 1979; Col Giles D. Harlow, Jr., 11 Jun 1980; Col Donald A. Rigg, 16 Mar 1982; Col Ellwood P. Hinman III, 2 Mar 1984; Col William L. Thompson, 22 May 1986; Col Ronald G. Shamblin, 16 Jun 1987; Col Lloyd W. Newton, 2 May 1989; Col Donald F. Craigie, 22 May 1990; Col Samuel J. Bole, 7 Aug 1992–.

Aircraft

RB–17, 1948; RB–29, 1948. RF–84, 1955–1957; RBF–84, 1955–1956. T–41, 1972–1973; T–37, 1972–; T–38, 1972–.

Operations

Tactical group detached, but a single reconnaissance squadron was attached, 18–24 Aug 1948, to perform photographic reconnaissance. Wing not operational, 25 Aug–25 Oct 1948. Activated in Jan 1955 to perform strategic reconnaissance and test a technique for launching small RBF–84 aircraft from GRB–36 bombers, to extend the range of photographic reconnaissance and fighter escort. Tests ended in 1956, but wing continued strategic reconnaissance until inactivated in 1957. Activated in 1962 to operate and maintain the ballistic missile early warning system (BMEWS), including sites in Alaska, Greenland, and England. Also operated the sea-launched ballistic missile detection and warning system, supported the USAF “Spacetrack” system, and monitored the “over-the-horizon” radar system, 1969–1971. Replaced, and absorbed resources of the 3575th Pilot Training Wing in Nov 1972 and assumed control of Vance AFB, OK, and undergraduate pilot training for USAF, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve, and allied countries. Supported Accelerated Co-Pilot Enrichment (ACE) program at numerous operating locations 1978–1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jan 1962–15 Jul 1964; 1 Jun 1968–31 May 1970; 1 Jan–31 Dec 1975; 1 Jan 77–30 Apr 1978; 1 May 1982–30 Apr 1984.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 71st Operations Group prior to 18 Aug 1948.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater; Air Offensive, Japan; China Defensive; New Guinea; Bismarck Archipelago; Western Pacific; Leyte; Luzon; China Offensive.

Decorations. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation.

Emblem

Gules, in fess a stylized aircraft palewise Argent between two piles issuant from base of the like, each bearing a stylized aircraft palewise Azure, a chief arched of the last, all within a diminished bordure Or. Approved on 12 Sep 1994; replaced emblems approved on 2 Jan 1973 (KE 51230) and 22 Apr 1963 (K 14058).



72d Air Base Wing

Established as 72d Observation Group on 21 Aug 1941. Activated on 26 Sep 1941. Redesignated 72d Reconnaissance Group (Special) on 25 Jun 1943. Disestablished on 1 Nov 1943. Reestablished as 72d Reconnaissance Group on 13 May 1947. Activated in the reserve on 12 Jun 1947. Inactivated on 27 Jun 1949. Consolidated (31 Jan 1984) with the 72d Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, Heavy, which was established on 4 Jun 1952. Activated on 16 Jun 1952. Redesignated 72d Bombardment Wing, Heavy, on 1 Oct 1955. Inactivated on 30 Jun 1971. Redesignated 72d Air Base Wing on 16 Sep 1994. Activated on 1 Oct 1994.

Assignments

2d Air Service Command, 26 Sep 1941; Service Command, Caribbean Air Force (later, 6th Air Force Base Command; VI Air Force Base Command; VI Air Force Service Command), Jan 1942; VI Air Force Ground Support Command, 15 Oct 1942; VI Air Force Service Command, 21 Aug–1 Nov 1943. 325th Reconnaissance Wing (later, 325th Air Division, Reconnaissance), 12 Jul 1947–27 Jun 1949. Second Air Force, 16 Jun 1952; Eighth Air Force, 1 Jan 1959; 832d Air Division, 1 Oct 1962–30 Jun 1971. Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center, 1 Oct 1994–.

Components

Squadrons. 1st: 26 Sep 1941–1 Nov 1943 (detached 10 Apr–c. 20 Jun 1942). 4th: 29 Mar 1942–1 Jun 1943 (detached). 39th: 7 Mar 1942–1 Jun 1943 (detached 6 Aug 1942–1 Jun 1943). 60th: 12 Jul 1947–27 Jun 1949; 16 Jun 1952–30 Jun 1971. 73d: 1 Aug 1947–27 Jun 1949; 16 Jun 1952–5 Jan 1959. 108th: 26 Sep 1941–1 Nov 1943. 124th: 26 Sep 1941–12 Mar 1942. 301st: 16 Jun 1952–17 Jun 1959. 915th Air Refueling: 1 Sep 1958–30 Jun 1971.

Stations

Shreveport, LA, 26 Sep 1941; Little Rock, AR, 2 Oct 1941; Marshall Field, KS, 11–27 Dec 1941; Howard Field, CZ, 18 Jan 1942–1 Nov 1943. Hamilton Field (later, AFB), CA, 12 Jul 1947–27 Jun 1949. Ramey AFB, Puerto Rico, 16 Jun 1952–30 Jun 1971. Tinker AFB, OK, 1 Oct 1994–.

Commanders

Lt Col Jasper K. McDuffie, 16 Oct 1941; Col Perry B. Griffith, 1 Feb 1942; Col Vernon C. Smith, 19 May–1 Nov 1943. Unkn, 12 Jul 1947–27 Jun 1949. Brig Gen Alfred F. Kalberer, 16 Jun 1952 (additional duty), 1 Oct 1952 (permanent); Col Virgil M. Cloyd, 29 Apr 1953; Col William E. Ruark, Jr., 22 May 1953; Brig Gen Alfred F. Kalberer, 24 May 1953; Col Virgil M. Cloyd, 10 Jun 1953; Col Frederick T. Prasse, 30 Jun 1953; Col Virgil M. Cloyd, 7 Jul 1953; Brig Gen Alfred F. Kalberer, 11 Jul 1953; Brig Gen Bertram C. Harrison, 2 Jul 1955; Brig Gen Henry R. Sullivan, Jr., 14 Sep 1957; Maj Gen William K. Martin, 28 Jun 1958; Brig Gen Joseph J. Preston, 13 Jul 1959; Col Samuel G. Porterfield, 20 Aug 1959; Maj Gen Joseph J. Preston, 12 Oct 1959; Brig Gen William E. Creer, 28 Sep 1960; Brig Gen Howard A. Davis, 6 Aug 1962; Col William H. Reddell, 27 Jul 1963; Brig Gen Roland A. Campbell, 1 May 1964; Col Madison M. McBrayer, 21 Jul

1965; Brig Gen Timothy J. Dacey, Jr., 1 Aug 1965; Col James M. Keck, 14 Jul 1966; Col George H. McKee, 6 Jul 1967; Col Clifford W. Hargrove, 1 Jul 1968; Col Frank L. Voigtmann, 6 May 1969; Col Kenneth E. Wehrman, 20 Mar 1970–30 Jun 1971.

Aircraft

Primarily 0–47, 1941–1943; 0–49, 1941–1943; L–4, 1942–1943; B–18, 1942–1943; P–39, 1943. Unkn, 1947–1949. RB–36, 1952–1958; KC–135, 1958–1971; B–52, 1959–1971.

Operations

Activated on 26 Sep 1941 during the summer-fall maneuvers in Louisiana. Manned from its component Observation Squadrons: 1st, 108th, and 124th. Moved to the Panama Canal Zone, Dec 1941–Jan 1942. Flew antisubmarine patrol missions, carried mail, searched for missing aircraft, provided reconnaissance support to ground forces, and occasionally did photographic mapping work. Disbanded in the Canal Zone on 1 Nov 1943. Activated again as part of the reserve forces of Fourth Air Force, Jul 1947–Jun 1949. Activated on paper on 16 Jun 1952, but not operational until it absorbed residual resources of 55th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing in Oct 1952. Conducted global strategic reconnaissance, Mar 1953–1955, gradually shifting to a bombardment training mission beginning in 1954. Added air refueling to its global mission in 1958. Inactivated on 30 Jun 1971.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Oct 1957–1 Jun 1958; 1 Jul 1968–30 Jun 1969.

Emblem

Quarterly; first Azure a semé of seven mullets Argent, second and third Or eleven lines radiant from honor point throughout Azure, fourth Azure two mullets in bend sinister Argent, overall a globe gridlined, surmounted by a stylized compass star Celeste outlined and detailed Blue; all within a diminished bordure Or. Approved on 29 Jun 1954 (KE 24667); modified on 13 Oct 1995.



75th Air Base Wing

Established as 75th Observation Group on 5 Feb 1942. Activated on 2 Mar 1942. Redesignated: 75th Reconnaissance Group on 2 Apr 1943; 75th Tactical Reconnaissance Group on 11 Aug 1943. Disestablished on 1 May 1944. Reestablished on 17 May 1966. Consolidated (31 Jan 1984) with the 75th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, which was established, and activated, on 17 May 1966. Organized on 1 Jul 1966. Inactivated on 15 Jul 1971. Redesignated 75th Air Base Wing on 16 Sep 1994. Activated on 1 Oct 1994.

Assignments

Air Force Combat Command, 2 Mar 1942; II Air Support Command, 12 Mar 1942; III Ground Air Support (later, III Air Support; III Reconnaissance) Command, c. 24 May 1942; I Tactical Air Division, 18 Apr–1 May 1944. Tactical Air Command, 17 May 1966; 835th Air Division, 1 Jul 1966; Twelfth Air Force, 24 Dec 1969–15 Jul 1971. Ogden Air Logistics Center, 1 Oct 1994–.

Components

Squadrons. 4th: 18 Nov 1966–15 Jul 1971. 9th: 1 Jul 1967–15 Jul 1971. 14th: 3 Apr–6 Nov 1967 (detached 25 Oct–6 Nov 1967). 21st: 12 Mar 1942–1 May 1944. 30th: 12 Mar 1942–1 May 1944. 91st: 1 Jul 1967–15 Jul 1971. 124th: 12 Mar 1942–1 May 1944 (detached 3 Jul 1942–4 Jan 1943). 127th: 12 Mar 1942–11 Aug 1943.

Stations

Ellington Field, TX, 2 Mar 1942; Birmingham, AL, 9 Mar 1942; William Northern AAFld, TN, 12 Nov 1942; Key Field, MS, 17 Aug 1943–1 May 1944. Bergstrom AFB, TX, 1 Jul 1966–15 Jul 1971. Hill AFB, UT, 1 Oct 1994–.

Commanders

Col Frederick A. Bacher, 30 Mar 1942; Col John E. Bodle, 5 Apr 1943; Lt Col George C. P. Gifford, 17 Sep 1943; Lt Col John R. Dyas, 1 Jan–1 May 1944. Col Frank C. Malone, 1 Jul 1966; Brig Gen James U. Cross, 1 Feb 1969; Col Walter F. Daniel, 28 Apr–15 Jul 1971.

Aircraft

A–20, B–25, DB–7, L–1, L–4, O–38, O–46, O–47, O–49, and O–52, 1942–1943; P–39, P–40, and P–51, 1943–1944. RF–4, 1966–1971.

Operations

Until the fall of 1942, the group aided ground units with their training by flying reconnaissance, artillery adjustment, strafing, and dive-bombing missions. Participated in the 1942 Louisiana Maneuvers. Functioned primarily as a replacement training unit, 1943–1944. Also conducted a Ground Liaison Officer course, Jan–Apr 1944. Performed RF–4C replacement training, Feb 1967–Aug 1970, and tactical reconnaissance, Jul 1966–Jul 1971. Inactivated in Jul 1971, and its resources passed to the 67th TRW.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jan 1968–30 Apr 1969; 1 Nov 1969–31 May 1971.

Emblem

Azure, in base a mullet Argent entoured by a gear wheel of the like winged to sinister Or; in dexter chief two flight symbols ascending bendwise sinister of the second each issuing a contrail arcing to and conjoined in base of the like; all within a diminished bordure Yellow. Approved on 21 Feb 1996; replaced emblems approved on 14 Apr 1967 (KE 24669) and on 23 Sep 1942 (K 2880). *Motto*: APPERCEPTIVE. Approved on 14 Apr 1967.



76th Air Base Wing

Established as 2851st Air Base Wing, and organized, on 1 Aug 1953. Redesignated: 2851st Air Base Group on 16 Oct 1964; 651st Support Group on 1 Oct 1992; 651st Air Base Group on 1 Oct 1993; 76th Air Base Wing on 1 Oct 1994.

Assignments

San Antonio Air Materiel Area (later, San Antonio Air Logistics Center),
1 Aug 1953–.

Components

No operational units.

Stations

Kelly AFB, TX, 1 Aug 1953–.

Commanders

Col Laurence A. Growdon, 1 Aug 1953; Col Ben T. Stogner, 27 Jun 1954;
Col Henry O. Bordelon, 19 Jul 1954; Col Howard Moore, 1 Oct 1954; Col
Isaac M. B. Symes, 20 Jul 1955; Col Henry O. Bordelon, 12 Mar 1956; Col
Ben T. Stogner, 28 Apr 1958; Col Irving C. Eells, 20 Jun 1958; Col Curtis L.
Frisbie, 22 Jul 1959; Col Jack D. Whidden, 12 Jul 1962; Col Howard J.
Bechtel, 27 Aug 1962; Col Farley E. Peebles, 1 Jan 1967; Col Benjamin H.
Shiffrin, 13 Jun 1967; Col Edison F. Arnold, 1 Nov 1968; Col Harold K.
Dorgan, 26 Dec 1970; Col Joe Fry, 31 Jan 1972; Col William L.
MacLachlan, 1 May 1973; Col Kenneth E. Harrison, 23 May 1974; Col
Harry W. Taylor, Jr., 1 Aug 1975; Col Myron G. Smith, 9 Aug 1976; Col
Everett M. Sutton, 10 Jun 1977; Col Richard A. Bianckino, 30 Dec 1977;
Col Lester R. Mellott, Jr., 28 Feb 1978; Col Robert A. Manns, 15 Jun 1979;
Col John A. Webb, 22 Jun 1981; Lt Col Robert A. Miller, 22 Aug 1984; Col
Thomas O. Williams II, 25 Oct 1984; Lt Col Martin A. Donley, 1 Jul 1986;
Col Leslie A. Hobgood, 19 Aug 1986; Lt Col James Concannon, 1 Jun 1989;
Col James T. Jones, 17 Jul 1989; Col Raymond T. Holmes, 19 Jul 1991; Col
Edward J. McGann, 27 Jul 1992; Col Raymond T. Holmes, 21 Sep 1992; Col
Nathaniel Guinn, 25 Feb 1993–.

Aircraft

None.

Operations

Furnished administrative and logistical support for the San Antonio Air
Materiel Area (later, San Antonio Air Logistics Center) and numerous tenant
organizations on the base. Became host wing of Kelly AFB on 17 Aug 1959.
Frequently supported humanitarian and disaster relief missions. Deployed
personnel in support of operations in Southwest Asia, 1990–1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award: 15 Jan 1988–14 Jan 1990.

Emblem

Per bend Azure and Gules a bend wavy Argent in base, a hurt charged with a
mullet both encircled by a gear of the first winged to sinister bendwise sinister
Or, fimbriated and garnished Sable; all within a diminished bordure Yellow.
Approved on 4 Oct 1996; replaced emblems approved on 9 Nov 1981
(DFSC 8200757) and 16 Sep 1966 (K 20555).



77th Air Base Wing

Established as 77th Observation Group on 5 Feb 1942. Activated on 2 Mar 1942. Redesignated: 77th Reconnaissance Group on 2 Apr 1943; 77th Tactical Reconnaissance Group on 11 Aug 1943. Disestablished on 30 Nov 1943. Reestablished, and redesignated 77th Tactical Intelligence Wing, on 31 Jul 1985. Consolidated (16 Sep 1994) with 2852d Air Base Wing, which was established, and organized, on 1 Aug 1953. Redesignated: 2852d Air Base Group on 16 Oct 1964; 652d Support Group on 1 Oct 1992; 652d Air Base Group on 1 Oct 1993; 77th Air Base Wing on 1 Oct 1994.

Assignments

Air Force Combat Command, 2 Mar 1942; 2d Air Support Command, 12 Mar 1942; III Ground Air Support Command, 24 May 1942; 2d Air Force, 21 Aug 1942; II Ground Air Support Command, 7 Sep 1942 (attached to III Ground Air [later, III Air] Support Command, 7 Sep 1942–5 Aug 1943); III Air Support (later, III Reconnaissance) Command, 6 Aug–30 Nov 1943. Sacramento Air Materiel Area (later, Sacramento Air Logistics Center), 1 Aug 1953–.

Components

Squadrons. 5th: 25 Jan–2 Apr 1943. 27th: 17 Jul 1942–30 Nov 1943. 35th Photo Reconnaissance: 11 Aug–30 Nov 1943 (detached 11 Aug–31 Oct 1943). 113th: 12 Mar 1942–30 Nov 1943. 120th: 12 Mar 1942–30 Nov 1943. 125th Observation (later, 125th Liaison): 12 Mar 1942–11 Aug 1943. 128th Observation (later, 21st Antisubmarine): 12 Mar 1942–8 Mar 1943 (detached 3 Jul–7 Sep 1942 and 15 Oct 1942–3 Mar 1943).

Flight. 330th Airlift: 31 May–1 Oct 1993.

Stations

Salinas AAB, CA, 2 Mar 1942; Brownwood, TX, c. 22 Mar 1942; DeRidder AAB, LA, 25 Jul 1942; Alamo Airfield, TX, 28 Sep 1942; Abilene AAFld, TX, 6 Apr 1943; Esler Field, LA, 13 Sep 1943; Birmingham AAFld, AL, 14–30 Nov 1943. McClellan AFB, CA, 1 Aug 1953–.

Commanders

Maj Harrison W. Wellman, Mar 1942; Lt Col Christopher C. Scott, c. 3 Apr 1942; Col Jack C. Kennedy, c. Jun 1942; Lt Col Joseph E. Barzynski, c. 19 Apr–c. 30 Nov 1943. Col Russell G. Pankey, 1 Aug 1953; Col Johnnie R. Dyer, 2 Jun 1954; Lt Col Gervais G. Coyle, 4 Apr 1958; Col Sam M. Smith, 18 Aug 1958; Col Nicholas T. Perkins, 19 Sep 1960; Col Ralph Canter, 1 Jul 1961; Col Orin H. Rigley, Jr., 1 Sep 1961; Col Charles D. Birdsall, 20 Oct 1962; Col Richard J. White, 29 Sep 1966; Col Beverley E. Davis, Jr., 1 May 1970; Col Averill F. Holman, 1 Nov 1971; Col John J. Voll, 31 Oct 1973; Col Charles C. Heckel, 31 Jul 1974; Col Frederick C. Freeman, 27 Aug 1975; Col William Campfield, Jr., 20 Jul 1979; Col John K. Davidson, 1 Aug 1982; Col Arthur C. Weiner, 30 Aug 1982; Col John D. Wood, 29 Apr 1984; Col David S. Whitman, 4 Aug 1985; Col James F. Wilson, 31 Aug 1988; Col Christopher F. Russo, 25 Aug 1992–.

Aircraft

O–47, 1942–1943; O–38, 1942–1943; O–52, 1942–1943; L–5, 1942–1943; O–46, 1942; O–43, 1942; A–18, 1942; L–1, 1942–1943; L–4, 1942–1943; L–3, 1942–1943; L–6, 1942–1943; B–18, 1942–1943; O–49, 1942; P–39, 1942–1943; B–25, 1943; A–20, 1943.

Operations

Supported ground units in training by flying reconnaissance, artillery adjustment, fighter, and bomber missions, and in the process trained reconnaissance personnel who later served overseas. One squadron (113th) flew antisubmarine patrols over the Gulf of Mexico from Mar until Jun 1942 when it was relieved by another squadron (128th). Still another squadron (120th) patrolled the Mexican border, Mar–Jul 1942. A detachment of the 77th served in India from Feb until Jul 1943. Provided services and support for McClellan AFB with its satellite installations and the Sacramento Air Logistics Center with its tenant organizations, 1 Aug 1953–.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jan 1969–31 Dec 1970; 1 Jan 1973–31 Dec 1974.

Emblems

Or a hawk volant proper grasping in its beak seven radiating lightning flashes Gules above a mountain range issuant from base Azure garnished Celeste, all within a diminished bordure of the first. *Motto:* ALL SEEING. Approved on 28 Feb 1943 and slightly modified on 15 Jun 1994 (160547 AC); replaced emblem approved on 15 Jun 1955 (152927 AC).



78th Air Base Wing

Established as 78th Fighter Wing on 24 Sep 1948. Activated on 16 Nov 1948.
Redesignated 78th Fighter-Interceptor Wing on 20 Jan 1950. Inactivated on 6 Feb 1952.
Redesignated 78th Fighter Wing (Air Defense) on 14 Sep 1956. Activated on 18 Oct 1956.
Inactivated on 31 Dec 1969. Redesignated 78th Flying Training Wing on 14 Apr 1972.
Activated on 1 Dec 1972. Inactivated on 30 Sep 1977. Redesignated 78th Air Base Wing
on 16 Sep 1994. Activated on 1 Oct 1994.

Assignments

Fourth Air Force, 16 Nov 1948 (attached to Western Air Defense Force, 10 Nov 1949–31 Jul 1950); Western Air Defense Force, 1 Aug 1950–6 Feb 1952. 28th Air Division, 18 Oct 1956; San Francisco Air Defense Sector, 1 Jul 1960; 28th Air Division, 1 Aug 1963; 26th Air Division, 1 Apr 1966; 27th Air Division, 15 Sep 1969; Tenth Air Force, 19 Nov–31 Dec 1969. Air Training Command, 1 Dec 1972–30 Sep 1977. Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, 1 Oct 1994–.

Components

Group. 78th: 16 Nov 1948–6 Feb 1952; 18 Oct 1956–1 Feb 1961.

Squadrons. 82d: 1 Dec 1972–15 Jun 1976. 83d: 1 Feb 1961–1 Jul 1963; 1 Dec 1972–30 Sep 1977. 84th: 1 Feb 1961–31 Dec 1969. 498th: 30 Sep 1968. 3389th: 1 Jan 1974–30 Sep 1977.

Stations

Hamilton AFB, CA, 16 Nov 1948–6 Feb 1952. Hamilton AFB, CA, 18 Oct 1956–31 Dec 1969. Webb AFB, TX, 1 Dec 1972–30 Sep 1977. Robins AFB, GA, 1 Oct 1994–.

Commanders

Col George L. Usher, 16 Nov 1948; Col George H. Steel, 1 Apr 1950; Col Brian O'Neill, 12 Mar 1951; Col James W. Andrew, 1 Jul 1951–6 Feb 1952. Col Wilton H. Earle, 18 Oct 1956; Col George F. Ceuleers, 27 Jul 1957; Col Benjamin B. Cassiday, Jr., 16 Jul 1960; Col Harvey E. Henderson, 28 Jul 1960; Col William F. Barns, 12 May 1962; Col William S. Harrell, 1 Jul 1962; Col William C. Miller, 15 Jul 1964; Col Charles D. Chitty, Jr., 30 Jul 1964; Col Harry W. Shoup, 23 Jun 1965; Col Donald H. Lynch, 17 Jun 1968–1969. Brig Gen Stanley M. Umstead, Jr., 1 Dec 1972; Col Robert G. Liotta, 21 Aug 1973; Col Robert A. Owens, 19 Jul 1974; Col Harry A. Spannaus, 8 Jun 1976–30 Sep 1977.

Aircraft

F–51, 1949–1952; F–84, 1949–1952; F–89, 1951–1952. F–86, 1956–1958; F–89, 1956–1959; F–102, 1957–1960; F–104, 1958–1960; F–101, 1959–1960, 1960–1968; F–106, 1959–1960, 1968–1969. T–37, 1972–1977; T–38, 1972–1977; T–41, 1972–1973.

Operations

Air defense of the Pacific coastal area, 1949–1952, and again in 1956–1969. Pilot training for both USAF and allied officers, 1972–1977.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award: 1 Jul 1968–30 Jun 1969.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display the honors earned by the 78th Fighter Group prior to 16 Nov 1948.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Air Combat EAME Theater.

Decorations. Distinguished Unit Citations: Holland, 17–23 Sep 1944; Czechoslovakia, 16 Apr 1945.

Emblem

Per pale indented Azure and Gules in chief five chain lengths fesswise conjoined in fess, all within a diminished bordure of the like. *Motto:* ABOVE THE FOE. Approved for 78th Group on 26 Sep 1942 and for 78th Wing on 19 Mar 1958 (K 10210).



80th Flying Training Wing

Established as 80th Pursuit Group (Interceptor) on 13 Jan 1942. Activated on 9 Feb 1942. Redesignated 80th Fighter Group (Single Engine) on 15 May 1942. Inactivated on 3 Nov 1945. Consolidated (31 Jan 1984) with the 80th Flying Training Wing, which was established on 23 May 1972. Activated on 1 Jan 1973.

Assignments

III Interceptor (later, III Fighter) Command, 9 Feb 1942; First Air Force, 20 Jun 1942; I Fighter Command, 4 Jul 1942; New York Air Defense Wing, 11 Aug 1942–10 May 1943; Tenth Air Force, 28 Jun 1943; American Air Command #1 (later, 5320th Air Defense Wing [Provisional]), Sep 1943; Tenth Air Force, 20 Jun 1944; Army Air Forces, India-Burma Theater, c. 1 Aug–9 Oct 1945; New York Port of Embarkation, 1–3 Nov 1945. Air Training Command, 1 Jan 1973; Nineteenth Air Force, 1 Jul 1993–.

Components

Squadrons. 88th: 9 Feb 1942–3 Nov 1945; 1 Jan 1973–. 89th: 9 Feb 1942–3 Nov 1945; 1 Jan 1973–. 90th: 9 Feb 1942–3 Nov 1945; 1 Jan 1973–. 459th: 1 Sep 1943–13 Mar 1944.

Stations

Selfridge Field, MI, 9 Feb 1942; Bridgeport, CT, 25 Jun 1942; Farmingdale, NY, 5 Jul 1942; Mitchel Field, NY, 9 Mar–30 Apr 1943; Karachi, India, 28 Jun 1943; Kanjikoah, India, Sep 1943; Nagaghuli, India, 11 Oct 1943; Tingkaw Sakan, Burma, 29 Aug 1944; Myitkyina, Burma, 20 Jan 1945; Moran, India, 4 May 1945; Dudhkundi, India, 24 May–6 Oct 1945; Camp Kilmer, NJ, 1–3 Nov 1945. Sheppard AFB, TX, 1 Jan 1973–.

Commanders

Unkn, Feb–May 1942; Col John C. Crothwaite, c. 20 May 1942; Maj Albert L. Evans, Jr., 1 Jul 1942; Col Ivan W. McElroy, 14 Jul 1943; Col Albert L. Evans, Jr., 13 Apr 1944; Col Sidney D. Grubbs, Jr., 1 Feb 1945; Col Hiette S. Williams, Jr., 29 Apr 1945–unkn. Col Robert G. Liotta, 1 Jan 1973; Col Kirk A. Brown, 28 Jun 1973; Col Spence M. Armstrong, 22 Jul 1974; Col Robert D. Caudry, 17 Jul 1976; Col William R. Deans, 1 Apr 1977; Col Jesse W. Campbell, 5 Jul 1978; Col Larry W. Pritchett, 15 Jul 1980; Col William F. Phillips, 24 Feb 1982; Col Sandor Babos, 13 Feb 1984; Col Robert K. McLeod, 24 Feb 1986; Col Travis E. Harrell, 22 Dec 1987; Col William B. Mitchell, 20 Jul 1989; Col Robert E. Gatliff, 19 Apr 1991; Col William J. Lake, 28 Jul 1992–.

Aircraft

P–47, 1942–1943, 1944–1945; P–40, 1943–1944; P–38, 1943–1944. T–37, 1973–; T–38, 1973–.

Operations

Used P–47s to train for combat and to serve as part of the defense force for the northeastern United States. Sailed for India, via Brazil, Cape of Good Hope, and Ceylon, in May 1943. Began operations in Sep 1943 with P–38 and P–40 aircraft; later used P–47s. Supported Allied ground forces during the battle for northern Burma and the push southward to Rangoon, bombing and strafing troop concentrations, supply dumps, lines of communication, artillery positions, and other objectives. Defended the India terminus of the Hump route by striking Japanese airfields and patrolling Allied airfields to safeguard them from attack. Received a DUC for intercepting a formation of enemy aircraft and preventing its attack on a large oil refinery in Assam, India, on 27 Mar 1944. Withdrawn from combat in May 1945. Returned to the United States in Oct 1945 and inactivated. Replaced the 3630th Flying Training Wing at Sheppard AFB, TX, in Jan 1973. Provided undergraduate pilot training, initially for USAF, German Air Force, and Vietnamese Air Force students. Although Vietnamese Air Force student input ceased in Sep 1974, students from other selected nations continued to train under the security assistance program through Apr 1980. Provided USAF rotary-wing pilots' conversion training to fixed-wing aircraft, Jun 1977–Nov 1981. Conducted pilot training and pilot instructor training under the Euro-NATO Joint Pilot Training program, beginning Oct 1981, with participating nations contributing to staff and financial support.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: India-Burma; Central Burma.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: India, 27 Mar 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 10–20 Apr 1979; 30 Apr 1981–29 Apr 1983.

Emblem

Per bend Azure and Sable a bend raguly Or, all within a diminished bordure of the like. *Motto:* ANGELS ON OUR WINGS. Approved on 14 Oct 1942 (KE 51227).



81st Training Wing

Established as 81st Fighter Wing on 15 Apr 1948. Activated on 1 May 1948.

Redesignated: 81st Fighter-Interceptor Wing on 20 Jan 1950; 81st Fighter-Bomber Wing on 1 Apr 1954; 81st Tactical Fighter Wing on 8 Jul 1958. Inactivated on 1 Jul 1993.

Redesignated 81st Training Wing, and activated, on 1 Jul 1993.

Assignments

7th Air Division, 1 May 1948; Pacific Air Command, 3 Sep 1948; Twelfth Air Force, 21 May 1949 (attached to Western Air Defense Force, 10 Nov 1949–); Fourth Air Force, 1 Apr 1950 (remained attached to Western Air Defense Force to 1 Aug 1950); Western Air Defense Force, 1 Aug 1950 (attached to Third Air Force, 5–8 Sep 1951); Third Air Force, 9 Sep 1951 (attached to 49th Air Division, Operational [later, 49th Air Division (Operational)], 1 Mar 1954–1 Jul 1956); Seventeenth Air Force, 1 Jul 1961; Third Air Force, 1 Sep 1963–1 Jul 1993. Second Air Force, 1 Jul 1993–.

Components

Group. 81st: 1 May 1948–8 Feb 1955.

Squadrons. 78th: attached c. 22 Apr 1954–7 Feb 1955, assigned 8 Feb 1955–1 May 1992. 91st: attached c. 22 Apr 1954–7 Feb 1955, assigned 8 Feb 1955–14 Aug 1992. 92d: attached c. 22 Apr 1954–7 Feb 1955, assigned 8 Feb 1955–31 Mar 1993. 116th: attached 10 Feb–9 Aug 1951 (further attached to 81st Fighter-Interceptor Group). 509th: 1 Oct 1979–1 Jun 1988. 510th: 1 Oct 1978–1 Oct 1992. 511th: 1 Jan 1980–1 Sep 1988. 527th Aggressor: 14 Jul 1988–30 Sep 1990.

Stations

Wheeler AFB, Territory of Hawaii, 1 May 1948–21 May 1949; Camp Stoneman, CA, 27 May 1949; Kirtland AFB, NM, 5 Jun 1949; Moses Lake (later, Larson) AFB, WA, 2 May 1950–16 Aug 1951; Bentwaters RAF Station (later, RAF Bentwaters), England, 6 Sep 1951–1 Jul 1993. Keesler AFB, MS, 1 Jul 1993–.

Commanders

Col Thomas W. Blackburn, 1 May 1948; Lt Col Francis R. Royal, 21 May 1949; Col Thomas W. Blackburn, (by 28) Jun 1949; Col Gladwyn E. Pinkston, 28 Apr 1950; Col Robert F. Harris, 22 Aug 1951; Col Gladwyn E. Pinkston, 27 Sep 1951; Col Robert F. Harris, c. 3 Jan 1953; Col Gladwyn E. Pinkston, c. 20 Feb 1953; Col Robert J. Garrigan, 20 Jun 1953; Col Gladwyn E. Pinkston, c. 20 Aug 1953; Col Harold N. Holt, 2 Jun 1954; Col Ivan W. McElroy, 10 Jun 1955; Col Lester L. Krause, Jr., 18 Jun 1957; Col Henry L. Crouch, Jr., 8 Jul 1957; Col James R. DuBose, Jr., 6 May 1960; Col Eugene L. Strickland, 9 Jul 1960; Col William C. Clark, 9 Jul 1962; Col Robin Olds, 9 Aug 1963; Brig Gen DeWitt R. Searles, 26 Jul 1965; Col Ramon R. Melton, 28 Jul 1967; Col George S. Dorman, 5 Jul 1968; Col Devol Brett,

25 Sep 1968; Col David J. Schmerbeck, 29 Aug 1969; Col John C. Bartholf, 6 Mar 1970; Col James W. Enos, 4 Sep 1970; Col Dwaine L. Weatherwax, 22 Jun 1971; Brig Gen Charles E. Word, 16 Aug 1972; Col John R. Paulk, 19 Apr 1974; Brig Gen Clyde H. Garner, 14 Mar 1975; Col Gerald D. Larson, 11 Feb 1976; Brig Gen Rudolph F. Wacker, 6 May 1977; Col Gordon E. Williams, 7 Aug 1979; Brig Gen Richard M. Pascoe, 24 Apr 1981; Brig Gen Dale C. Tabor, 2 Aug 1982; Col Lester P. Brown, Jr., 20 Mar 1984; Col William A. Studer, 26 Mar 1986; Col Harold H. Rhoden, 30 Jul 1987; Col Tad J. Oelstrom, 5 Aug 1988; Col Roger E. Carleton, 13 Jul 1990; Col Roger R. Radcliff, 12 Jul 1991–1 Jul 1993.

Aircraft

P (later, F)–47, 1948–1949; F–80, 1949; F–86, 1949–1955; F–51, 1951; F–84, 1954–1959; F–101, 1958–1966; F–4, 1965–1979; A–10, 1978–1993; F–16, 1988–1990.

Operations

Conducted air defense of Hawaii, Dec 1948–May 1949. Moved to the United States and converted to F–80s and then F–86s. Became part of Western Air Defense Force's air defense structure in Nov 1949 and moved to the Pacific northwest in 1950 to provide air defense from Larson AFB, Geiger Field, and Whidbey Island, WA. Moved to England in mid-1951. From 1951 to mid-1954, worked with Royal Air Force Fighter Command to provide air defense for a portion of England. Changed in 1954 from fighter-interceptor to fighter-bomber operations, using both conventional and nuclear weapons. Charged with tactical operations in support of USAFE and NATO, with air defense as a secondary mission, 1954–1979 and 1988–1990. Also operated out of RAF Woodbridge, 1958–1993. Began conversion to A–10s in late 1978, and the mission changed to provide close air support and battlefield air interdiction in support of NATO ground forces. Conducted joint operations with US and British ground forces training for close air support. Participated continually in rotational deployments to specified wartime operating locations throughout Europe. Winner of A–10 category of the 1987 USAF Gunsmoke Gunnery meet. Added the 527th Aggressor Squadron, flying F–16s in 1988. This squadron provided the only Dissimilar Aircraft Combat Tactics training for USAFE and NATO pilots in Europe, from Jul 1988 to Sep 1990, when it inactivated. Conducted escort missions with A–10s for Coalition airlift forces during relief efforts in Turkey and northern Iraq, 6 Apr 1991–8 Dec 1992. Began preparation for base closure in Dec 1992, ending flying operations on 1 Apr 1993.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 28 Mar 1959–30 Jun 1961; 1 Jul 1961–30 Jun 1963; 1 Jun 1966–31 May 1968; 1 Jul 1968–30 Jun 1970; 1 Jul 1976–30 Jun 1978; 1 Jul 1979–30 Jun 1981; 1 Jul 1981–30 Jun 1983; 1 Jun 1989–31 May 1991; 1 Jun 1991–30 Jun 1993.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 81st Fighter Group prior to 1 May 1948.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. World War II: Algeria-French Morocco; Tunisia; Naples-Foggia; Anzio; Rome-Arno; Air Combat, EAME Theater; China Defensive, China Offensive.

Decorations. None.

Emblem

Or a dragon salient wings displayed and addorsed Azure armed and langued Gules, incensed proper, holding in its dexter claw a stylized boll weevil Sable. *Motto:* LE NOM LES ARMES LA LOYAUTE—The name, the arms, and loyalty. Approved for the 81st Group on 2 Mar 1943 and the 81st Wing on 14 May 1956 (152220 A.C.).



82d Training Wing

Established as 82d Fighter Wing on 28 Jul 1947. Organized on 15 Aug 1947. Inactivated on 2 Oct 1949. Redesignated 82d Flying Training Wing on 22 Jun 1972. Activated on 1 Feb 1973. Inactivated on 31 Mar 1993. Redesignated 82d Training Wing, and activated, on 1 Jul 1993.

Assignments

Strategic Air Command, 15 Aug 1947 (attached to 307th Bombardment Wing, 15 Aug 1947–15 Dec 1948); Fifteenth Air Force, 16 Dec 1948; First Air Force, 22 Aug–2 Oct 1949. Air Training Command, 1 Feb 1973–31 Mar 1993. Second Air Force, 1 Jul 1993–.

Components

Group. 82d Fighter (later, 82d Operations): 15 Aug 1947–2 Oct 1949 (detached 4 Apr–29 Jun 1948); 15 Dec 1991–31 Mar 1993.

Squadrons. 96th: 1 Feb 1973–15 Dec 1991. 97th: 1 Feb 1973–15 Dec 1991. 98th: 1 Jun 1988–15 Dec 1991. 99th: 1 Jun 1988–15 Dec 1991.

Stations

Grenier Field (later, AFB), NH, 15 Aug 1947–2 Oct 1949. Williams AFB, AZ, 1 Feb 1973–31 Mar 1993. Sheppard AFB, TX, 1 Jul 1993–.

Commanders

Col Edwin L. Tucker, 15 Aug 1947; Col Henry Viccellio, 19 Jan 1948; Col William B. Offutt, 16 Feb 1948; Col Henry Viccellio, 8 Jul 1948; Col William P. Litton, 1–2 Oct 1949. Col Warren C. Moore, 1 Feb 1973; Brig Gen Norman C. Gaddis, 16 Feb 1974; Col William E. Brown, Jr., 17 Jun 1974; Col William S. Henderson, Jr., 1 Mar 1975; Col Carl G. Baily, 12 Jun 1976; Col Larry T. Cooper, 11 Jun 1977; Col William J. Breckner, Jr., 17 Jul 1979; Col Larry D. Dillingham, 3 Mar 1980; Col William L. Hiner, 1 Jun 1982; Col John E. Jackson, Jr., 13 Apr 1984; Col Terry C. Isaacson, 10 Sep 1985; Col William F. Flanagan, 22 Sep 1987; Col Bernard Stecklein, 6 Apr 1988; Col Kurt B. Anderson, 15 Jun 1989; Col Roger A. Alexander, 6 Aug 1992–31 Mar 1993.

Aircraft

P (later, F)–51, 1947–1949. T–37, 1973–1992; T–38, 1973–1993.

Operations

Trained to maintain proficiency in fighter escort and tactical fighter operations, 1947–1949. Replaced and absorbed resources of the 3525th Pilot Training Wing in Feb 1973 and assumed undergraduate pilot training operations, plus operation and maintenance of Williams AFB, AZ. Began undergraduate pilot training for females in Sep 1976 and graduated first class of ten women on 2 Sep 1977. Inactivated in Mar 1993.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jan 1978–30 Apr 1979; 1 May 1983–30 Apr 1985.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 82d Operations Group prior to 15 Aug 1947.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Tunisia; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Rome-Arno; Normandy; Northern France; Southern France; North Apennines; Rhineland; Central Europe; Po Valley; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Decorations. Distinguished Unit Citations: Italy, 25 Aug 1943; Italy, 2 Sep 1943; Ploesti, Romania, 10 Jun 1944.

Emblem

Per bend Or and Azure, three lightning flashes conjoined per bend issuant from dexter chief throughout Argent, Gules and Yellow between in chief three fleurs-de-lis Blue, two and one and in base eleven mullets in bend of the first, six and five; all within a diminished bordure of the like. Approved on 16 Nov 1994; replaced emblem adopted in Feb 1973. Motto: ADORIMINI—Up and at 'em! Adopted in Feb 1973.



86th Airlift Wing

Established as 86th Fighter Wing, and activated, on 1 Jul 1948. Redesignated: 86th Fighter-Bomber Wing on 20 Jan 1950; 86th Fighter-Interceptor Wing on 9 Aug 1954; 86th Air Division (Defense) on 18 Nov 1960. Inactivated on 14 Nov 1968. Redesignated: 86th Fighter-Interceptor Wing on 14 Nov 1968; 86th Tactical Fighter Wing on 13 Oct 1969. Activated on 1 Nov 1969. Redesignated: 86th Fighter Wing on 1 May 1991; 86th Wing on 1 Jun 1992; 86th Airlift Wing on 1 Oct 1994.

Assignments

United States Air Forces in Europe, 1 Jul 1948; 2d Air Division, 10 Oct 1949; Twelfth Air Force, 7 May 1951; United States Air Forces in Europe, 1 Jan 1958; Seventeenth Air Force, 15 Nov 1959; United States Air Forces in Europe, 1 Jul 1963; Seventeenth Air Force, 1 Sep 1963; United States Air Forces in Europe, 20 May 1965; Seventeenth Air Force, 5 Oct–14 Nov 1968. Seventeenth Air Force, 1 Nov 1969; 316th Air Division, 14 Jun 1985; Seventeenth Air Force, 1 May 1991–.

Components

Group. 86th Fighter (later, 86th Fighter-Bomber; 86th Fighter-Interceptor; 86th Tactical Fighter; 86th Operations): 1 Jul 1948–8 Mar 1958; 22 Sep 1975–14 Jun 1985; 1 May 1991–.

Squadrons. 7th Special Operations: 31 Jan–15 Mar 1973 (detached). 17th Tactical Reconnaissance: 12 Jan 1970–31 Jan 1973. 32d Fighter-Interceptor: 8 Apr 1960–1 Nov 1968. 38th Tactical Reconnaissance: attached 16–30 Jan 1973. 81st Tactical Fighter: attached 12 Jun–14 Jul 1971, assigned 15 Jul 1971–15 Jan 1973. 151st Fighter-Interceptor: 25 Nov 1961–11 Jul 1962. 197th Fighter-Interceptor: 25 Nov 1961–11 Jul 1962. 417th Tactical Fighter: 1 Oct 1978–15 Sep 1987. 434th Tactical Fighter: attached 30 Sep–12 Dec 1961. 435th Tactical Fighter: attached 22 Sep 1961–14 Jan 1962 and 4 Nov–12 Dec 1962. 436th Tactical Fighter: attached 12 Jan–12 Apr 1962. 440th Fighter-Interceptor: attached 1 Jul 1954–7 Oct 1955; attached 10 Aug 1956–7 Mar 1958, assigned 8 Mar 1958–1 Jan 1960. 476th Tactical Fighter: attached 12 Apr–8 Aug 1962. 496th Fighter-Interceptor: attached 1 Jul 1954–7 Oct 1955; attached 10 Aug 1956–7 Mar 1958, assigned 8 Mar 1958–1 Nov 1968. 512th Fighter-Interceptor (later, 512th Tactical Fighter): 24 Mar 1958–1 Jul 1959; 14 Jun 1985–1 May 1991. 513th Fighter-Interceptor: 25 Apr 1958–8 Jan 1961. 514th Fighter-Interceptor: 15 May 1958–Jan 1961. 525th Fighter-Interceptor: attached 22 May 1957–7 Oct 1955; attached 10 Aug 1956–Mar 1958, assigned 8 Mar 1958–1 Nov 1968. 526th Fighter-Interceptor (later, 526th Tactical Fighter): attached 22 May 1954–7 Oct 1955; attached 10 Aug 1956–7 Mar 1958, assigned 8 Mar 1958–1 Nov 1968; assigned 31 Jan 1973–22 Sep 1975; assigned 14 Jun 1985–1 May 1991. 527th Fighter-Interceptor: attached 22 May 1954–7 Oct 1955.

Detachments. Det, 117th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing: attached 18 Mar–1 Apr 1976. Det, 127th Tactical Fighter Wing: attached 1–13 Nov 1975. Det, 178th Tactical Fighter Group: attached 9–25 Oct 1975. Det, 435th Tactical Fighter Squadron: attached 25 Oct–3 Nov 1962.

Stations

Neubiberg AB, Germany, 1 Jul 1948; Landstuhl (later, Ramstein–Landstuhl; Ramstein) AB, Germany, 21 Aug 1952–14 Nov 1968. Zweibrücken AB, Germany, 1 Nov 1969; Ramstein AB, Germany, 31 Jan 1973–.

Commanders

Col Clarence T. Edwinson, 1 Jul 1948; Col John S. Chennault, 31 May 1949; Col George R. Bickell, 16 Jun 1952; Col James O. Beckwith, 19 Jan 1955; Col Albert L. Evans, Jr., 8 Jun 1956; Col James W. Little, 9 Jun 1958; Col Charles M. Young, 30 Jun 1958; Col Robert J. Rogers, 4 Jul 1959; Col George W. Rogers, 15 Mar 1961; Brig Gen Frank W. Gillespie, 30 Jun 1961; Brig Gen Thomas L. Hayes, Jr., 10 Jul 1964; Brig Gen James M. Vande Hey, 12 Jan 1966; Brig Gen Richard N. Ellis, 28 Jun 1967–14 Nov 1968. Col Howard A. Jones, 1 Nov 1969; Col Wilbur L. Creech, 31 Dec 1969; Col Walter L. Doerty, Jr., 17 Nov 1970; Col John J. Knight, 1 Oct 1971; Col James E. McInerney, Jr., 19 Oct 1971; Brig Gen William F. Georgi, 31 Jan 1973; Col Edward J. Campbell, 13 Apr 1973; Col Lloyd C. Ulrich, 13 May 1974; Brig Gen Cornelius Nugteren, 22 Aug 1975; Brig Gen John H. Bennett, 15 Jul 1977; Brig Gen Harry Falls, Jr., 6 Aug 1979; Col David M. Goodrich, 22 Jan 1980; Brig Gen Jerry W. Tietge, 28 Feb 1980; Maj Gen Robert C. Oaks, 28 Jul 1981; Brig Gen Ralph E. Havens, 24 May 1983; Col Clifford R. Krieger, 9 Jul 1985; Col Joseph S. Rodero, 13 Apr 1987; Col James I. Mathers, 16 Nov 1987; Col George W. Norwood, 17 Mar 1989; Col Roger E. Carleton, 23 Feb 1990; Brig Gen Richard T. Swope, 1 May 1991; Col Gary R. Bendlin, 29 Jun 1992; Brig Gen Tad J. Oelstrom, 3 Nov 1992–.

Aircraft

F–47, 1948–1950; F–84, 1950–1953; F–86, 1953–1960; F–102, 1959–1968; F–100, 1960; F–104, 1961–1962. RF–4, 1970–1973, 1976; F–4, 1971–1986; F–100, 1975; F–16, 1985–; C–12, 1992–; C–20, 1992–; C–21, 1992–; CT–43, 1992–; C–135, 1992–.

Operations

Provided air defense, primarily in West Germany, Jul 1948–Nov 1968, initially as a wing but later as a division. During its eight years as an air division, the organization supervised the improvement of a manual radar system to a semi-automatic air weapons control system. From Nov 1969 to Jun 1971, it was charged only with tactical reconnaissance, but added tactical fighter operations later in 1971. Supported numerous military units located in the area of Ramstein AB, Germany, Jan 1973–Jun 1985. Participated in

numerous exercises that provided the wing with air combat tactics training essential to their mission. Converted to the F-16 Fighting Falcon, 1985–1986. Beginning in Apr 1991, deployed to Turkey and supported operations in Southwest Asia to ensure that Iraq complied with treaty terms. Wing aircraft twice attacked Iraqi surface-to-air missile (SAM) sites in northern Iraq. Added an airlift mission in Jun 1992, performing special airlift missions with C-12, C-20, C-21, CT-43 and C-135 aircraft.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 31 Oct 1955–31 Oct 1958; 1 Jul 1964–30 Jun 1965; 1 Jul 1981–30 Jun 1982; 14 Jun 1985–13 Jun 1987; 1 May 1989–30 Apr 1991.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 86th Operations Group prior to 1 Jul 1948.

Service Streamers. World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers. World War II: Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Anzio; Rome-Arno; Southern France; North Apennines; Rhineland; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Decorations. Distinguished Unit Citations: Italy, 25 May 1944; Germany, 20 Apr 1945.

Emblem

Azure a pile Or, the shield edged of the last. *Motto:* VIRTUS PERDURAT—Courage will endure. Approved for 86th Group on 17 Oct 1942 and, in modified form, for 86th Wing on 27 Jul 1956 (K 3627).



88th Air Base Wing

Designated 4000th Army Air Forces Base Unit (Command), and organized, on 1 Apr 1944. Redesignated: 4000th Army Air Forces Base Unit (Air Base) on 21 Feb 1945; 4000th Air Force Base Unit on 26 Sep 1947; 2750th Air Force Base on 28 Aug 1948; 2750th Air Base Wing on 5 Oct 1949; 645th Air Base Wing on 1 Oct 1992; 88th Air Base Wing on 1 Oct 1994.

Assignments

Air Service Command, 1 Apr 1944; Army Air Forces Technical Service Command (later, Air Technical Service Command; Air Materiel Command; Air Force Logistics Command), 31 Aug 1944; Aeronautical Systems Center, 1 Jul 1992–.

Components

Flight. 47th Airlift: 1 Oct 1994–.

Stations

Patterson Field, OH, 1 Apr 1944; Wright Field, OH, 18 Aug 1944; Wright-Patterson AFB, OH, 13 Jan 1948–.

Commanders

Unkn, 1 Apr 1944–24 Jul 1945; Brig Gen Joseph T. Morris, 25 Jul 1945; Brig Gen C. Pratt Brown, 29 Mar 1952; Brig Gen Paul L. Barton, 2 Oct 1953; Brig Gen Donald L. Hardy, 10 Aug 1957; Brig Gen John D. Howe, 1 Jul 1958; Col James C. Cochran, 20 May 1960; Col Elbert Helton, 10 Aug 1960; Col Glen J. McClernon, 3 Aug 1962; Col Arthur E. Exon, 1 Aug 1964; Col Jowell C. Wise, 21 Dec 1965; Col Colman O. Williams, 9 Jul 1968; Col Edmund A. Rafalko, 3 Sep 1970; Col Irby B. Jarvis, Jr., 15 Jun 1972; Col Robert W. Clement, 31 Jan 1975; Col Titus C. Hall, 23 Jan 1976; Col Rano E. Lueker, 14 Jan 1977; Col James H. Rigney, Jr., 23 Apr 1979; Col Leonard R. Peterson, 26 Jun 1981; Col Charles E. Fox, Jr., 29 Jun 1984; Col Stephen F. Kollar, 1 Mar 1987; Col Dennis P. Tewell, 26 Jul 1989; Col William B. Orellana, 24 Jul 1990–.

Aircraft

None.

Operations

Organized by Air Service Command to provide custodial and support functions for Wright Field. Expanded mission of both the unit and the AAF Technical Base, gaining full support responsibility for Patterson Field by early 1946. Became host wing for Wright-Patterson AFB on 5 Oct 1949, exercising command jurisdiction over the base and providing services necessary to support Headquarters of Air Materiel Command (later, Air Force Logistics Command) and numerous tenant units. Frequently supported humanitarian missions, such as the Xenia tornado relief, 3–11 Apr 1974. Provided logistical support and served as a port of embarkation during

contingency situations, most notably, 1965–1973 and 1990–1991. Deployed support personnel to Southwest Asia, Aug 1990–May 1991. After 1 Jul 1992, provided logistic and administrative support for Headquarters, Air Force Materiel Command, on-base and off-base tenant units in a five-state area and managed resources with a real property value of more than \$5.24 billion.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Feb 1972–31 Jan 1974; 1 Jan 1983–31 Dec 1984; 1 Jan 1987–31 Dec 1988; 1 Jan–31 Dec 1989; 1 Jan 1990–31 Dec 1991.

Emblem. Azure, a pile in bend throughout Or. In chief a representation of the Wright Flyer plane Argent, garnished Silver Gray, pilot and engine of the second. In base four flight symbols ascending bendwise each trailing three vapor trails to base of the third; all within a diminished bordure Or. *Motto:* STRENGTH THROUGH SUPPORT. Approved on 18 Nov 1993; replaced emblems approved on 4 Mar 1969 (KE 33653), and 29 Jan 1945 (no number).



89th Airlift Wing

Established as 89th Troop Carrier Wing, Medium, on 10 May 1949. Activated in the Reserve on 27 Jun 1949. Ordered to active service on 1 May 1951. Inactivated on 10 May 1951. Redesignated 89th Fighter-Bomber Wing on 26 May 1952. Activated in the Reserve on 14 Jun 1952. Inactivated on 16 Nov 1957. Redesignated 89th Military Airlift Wing, Special Mission, and activated, on 27 Dec 1965. Organized on 8 Jan 1966. Redesignated: 89th Military Airlift Group on 30 Sep 1977; 89th Military Airlift Wing on 15 Dec 1980; 89th Airlift Wing on 12 Jul 1991.

Assignments

First Air Force, 27 Jun 1949–10 May 1951. First Air Force, 14 Jun 1952–16 Nov 1957. Military Air Transport Service (later, Military Airlift Command), 27 Dec 1965; 76th Airlift Division, 1 Jul 1976; 76th Military Airlift Wing, 30 Sep 1977; 76th Airlift Division, 15 Dec 1980; Twenty-First Air Force, 1 Oct 1985–.

Components

Group. 89th Troop Carrier (later, 89th Fighter-Bomber; 89th Operations): 27 Jun 1949–10 May 1951; 14 Jun 1952–16 Nov 1957; 12 Jul 1991–.

Squadrons. 1st Helicopter: 1 Jul 1976–12 Jul 1991. 1st: 12 Sep 1977–12 Jul 1991. 98th: 8 Jan 1966–1 Sep 1977. 99th: 8 Jan 1966–12 Sep 1977; 1 Oct 1988–12 Jul 1991. 1400th: 1 Apr 1975–15 Mar 1978. 1401st: 1 Apr 1975–15 Mar 1978. 1402d: 1 Apr 1975–15 Mar 1978.

Detachments. Det 1, HQ 89th MAW, SM: 1 Jun–1 Oct 1975. Det 1, HQ 89th MAW (later, 89th AW): 1 Jan 1981–15 Nov 1991.

Stations

Hanscom Field, MA, 27 Jun 1949–10 May 1951. Hanscom (later, Laurence G. Hanscom) Field, MA, 14 Jun 1952–16 Nov 1957. Andrews AFB, MD, 8 Jan 1966–.

Commanders

Brig Gen Ray J. Stecker, 27 Jun 1949; Lt Col William Binder, Jan 1950; Col Howard C. Stelling, Feb 1950; Capt John F. Coughlin, 1–10 May 1951. Lt Col Thomas J. McGrath, 14 Jun 1952; Col Charles E. Flaherty, c. 28 Jun 1952; Col Arthur C. Carroll, 1 Apr 1955–16 Nov 1957. None (not manned), 27 Dec 1965–7 Jan 1966; Col Harlan C. Wilder, 8 Jan 1966; Col John G. Williams, 1 Mar 1967; Col Burgess Gradwell, 25 Nov 1969; Col Jay R. Wallace, 29 Dec 1972; Col Stewart Young, 28 Jul 1975; Brig Gen Paul E. Gardner, 23 Jun 1976; Col Robert E. Lowell, 29 Oct 1977; Col Donald J. Cipra, 14 Nov 1977; Col Larry D. Wright, 4 Jun 1979; Col John F. Sievertson, 5 Feb 1981; Col John H. Billings, 21 Jun 1983; Col James L. Cole, Jr., 14 Aug 1985; Col Leonard J. Augustine, 23 May 1986; Col William B. Morrison III, 15 Apr 1988; Col Edward M. Bullard, 10 Jul 1989; Brig Gen Bob L. Mitchell, 12 Jul 1991–.

Aircraft

C–45, 1949–1950; C–46, 1949–1951; T–6, 1949–1950; T–7, 1949–1951; T–11, 1949–1951. T–6, 1952–1954; T–11, 1952; F–51, 1952–1954; C–46, 1952, 1956–1957; T–28, 1953–1956; T–33, 1953–1957; F–80, 1953–1957; C–45, 1955–1957; TC–47, 1955–1957; F–86, 1957; C–119, 1957. C–118, 1966–1972; VC–118, 1966–1974; C–121, 1966–1968; VC–121, 1966; C–131, 1966; VC–131, 1966–1977, 1978–1979; C–135, 1966–1968, c. 1975–; VC–137, 1966–; C–140, 1966–1972; VC–140, 1966–1987; VC–6, 1966–1985; U–4, 1966–1969; VC–135, 1968–1992; VC/C–9, 1975–; T (later, CT)–39, 1975–1978; UH–1, 1976–; CH–3, 1976–1988; C–12, 1976–; C–20, 1983–; VC–25, 1990–.

Operations

Trained 1949–1951 in the organized Reserve as a troop carrier wing. Ordered to active service in May 1951, the wing was soon inactivated and its people used to fill worldwide vacancies in regular units. Trained 1952–1957 in the organized Reserve as a fighter-bomber wing. From Jan 1966 (after replacing the 1254th Air Transport Wing), served as a special mission airlift wing charged with providing worldwide airlift for the Executive Department and high-ranking dignitaries of the US Government and of foreign governments, as directed. Assumed an additional mission of controlling all T–39 administrative airlift within the United States from 1975–1978 and continued maintenance support to 1984. Gained a helicopter squadron in Jul 1976 and added rescue and medical evacuation (in the DC area) to its mission. In Oct 1976, began training C–12 pilots for units in Alaska and Germany, and for duty with defense attaché offices and military assistance units. Reduced in size in 1977 through transfer of many aircraft and inactivation of units, and became a group on 30 Sep 1977. Redesignated in 1980 as a selectively manned wing. In addition to primary mission, frequently participated in humanitarian missions at home and abroad. Provided transport for personnel and supplies to Southwest Asia, 1990–1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1966–30 Jun 1968; 1 Jul 1968–30 Jun 1970; 1 Jul 1970–30 Jun 1972; 1 Jul 1972–30 Jun 1974; 1 Jul 1974–31 Dec 1975; 1 Jan 1976–31 Jan 1977; 6 Apr 1977–18 May 1979; 1 Jul 1987–30 Jun 1989; 1 Jul 1989–30 Jun 1991; 1 Jul 1991–30 Jun 1992.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 89th Operations Group prior to 27 Jun 1949.

Service Streamers. World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers. None.

Decorations. None.

Emblem

Celeste, issuing from base, clouds Argent, supporting a globe Azure, gridlined of the second encircled by an orbit ring bendwise sinister of the like, lined Vert, surmounted by a bald eagle descending proper; all within a diminished bordure Or. Approved on 15 Sep 1993; replaced emblems approved on 22 Jun 1989; 28 Apr 1966 (KE 206); and 12 Mar 1953 (48397 AC). *Motto:* EXPERTO CREDE—Trust one who has had experience. Approved on 28 Apr 1966.



90th Missile Wing

Established as 90th Bombardment Wing, Medium, on 20 Dec 1950. Activated on 2 Jan 1951. Redesignated 90th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, Medium, on 16 Jun 1956. Discontinued on 20 Jun 1960. Redesignated 90th Strategic Missile Wing (ICBM-Minuteman) on 21 Feb 1963. Organized on 1 Jul 1963. Redesignated 90th Missile Wing on 1 Sep 1991.

Assignments

Fifteenth Air Force, 2 Jan 1951 (attached to 92d Bombardment Wing, Heavy, 2–31 Jan 1951); 21st Air Division, 14 Mar 1951–20 Jun 1960. Strategic Air Command, 21 Feb 1963; 13th Strategic Missile Division, 1 Jul 1963; 821st Strategic Aerospace Division, 2 Jul 1966; 4th Strategic Missile (later, 4th Air) Division, 30 Jun 1971; Fifteenth Air Force, 23 Aug 1988; Twentieth Air Force, 1 Sep 1991–.

Components

Group. 90th Bombardment (later, 90th Operations): 2 Jan 1951–16 Jun 1952; 1 Sep 1991–.

Squadrons. 90th Air Refueling: 5 Aug 1955–20 Jun 1960. 319th: attached 16 Feb 1951–15 Jun 1952, assigned 16 Jun 1952–20 Jun 1960; assigned 1 Oct 1963–1 Sep 1991. 320th: attached 16 Feb 1951–15 Jun 1952, assigned 16 Jun 1952–20 Jun 1960; assigned 8 Jan 1964–1 Sep 1991. 321st: attached 16 Feb 1951–15 Jun 1952, assigned 16 Jun 1952–20 Jun 1960; assigned 9 Apr 1964–1 Sep 1991. 400th: 1 Jul 1964–1 Sep 1991.

Stations

Fairchild AFB, WA, 2 Jan 1951; Forbes AFB, KS, 14 Mar 1951–20 Jun 1960. Francis E. Warren AFB, WY, 1 Jul 1963–.

Commanders

Col Conrad F. Necrason, 2 Jan 1951; Col Joseph S. Pirruccello, 14 Mar 1951; Col Gerald G. Robinson, 22 Mar 1951; Col Joseph S. Pirruccello, 4 Apr 1951; Col Conrad F. Necrason, 20 Apr 1951; Col Joseph S. Pirruccello, 21 Apr 1952; Col Conrad F. Necrason, 5 Jun 1952; Col Joseph S. Pirruccello, 19 Sep 1952; Col Albert J. Shower, 6 Dec 1952; Col Joseph S. Pirruccello, 27 Apr 1953; Col Albert J. Shower, 18 May 1953; Col Gordon F. Goyt, (by Mar) 1954; Col Jack E. Cunningham, (by 8 Apr) 1954; Col Albert J. Shower, 22 Apr 1954; Lt Col Vincent M. Crane, c. May 1954; Col Albert J. Shower, (by 7 May) 1954; Col Joseph S. Pirruccello, May 1954; Lt Col Vincent M. Crane, (by 7 Jun) 1954; Col Joseph S. Pirruccello, (by 25) Jun 1954; Col Olbert F. Lassiter, (by 30) Jun 1954; Col Albert J. Shower, Jul 1954; Col Gordon F. Goyt, (by 6) Jul 1954; Col George L. Robinson, (by 31) Jul 1954; Col Harold W. Ohlke, 23 Aug 1957; Col William W. Wilcox, (by 21) Apr 1958; Col Norman J. McGowan, 10–20 Jun 1960. Col Floyd E. Wikstrom, 1 Jul 1963; Col Donald W. Johnson, 26 Aug 1965; Col Robert J. Hill, 16 Aug 1966; Col Robert R. Scott, 2 Aug 1968; Brig Gen Harold A. Strack, 18 Aug

1969; Col Paul E. Bell, 3 Jan 1972; Col Bobbie G. Guthrie, 2 Jul 1973; Col Christopher S. Adams, Jr., 13 Jun 1974; Col Ray E. Miller, 3 Dec 1975; Col James E. Cowan, 29 Sep 1976; Col Charles H. Greenley, 26 Mar 1979; Col Martin M. Burdick, 11 Jun 1981; Col James P. Henry, 14 Dec 1982; Col Arlen D. Jameson, 24 Jan 1984; Col Gary L. Curtin, 17 Jun 1986; Col John A. Gordon, 8 Jun 1988; Col Richard L. Farkas, 16 May 1989; Col Thomas A. Fagan III, 1 Sep 1991; Brig Gen Lance W. Lord, 19 Aug 1992–.

Aircraft and Missiles

B–29, 1951–1954; RB–29, 1951, 1952–1954; TB–29, 1951–1952; KB–29, 1953–1954; RB–47, 1954–1960; KC–97, 1955–1960. Minuteman I, 1964–1974; Minuteman III, 1973–; Peacekeeper, 1986–.

Operations

Served as operational training unit for B–29 aircrews and mechanics of the 376th, 308th, and 310th Bombardment Wings, in turn, May 1951–Sep 1952; as replacement training unit for B–29 aircrews (Jun 1951–Aug 1953) and RB–29 aircrews (Nov 1952–Aug 1953) for Far East Air Forces. Also trained Shoran personnel, SAC–wide, Nov 1952–Nov 1953. Flew strategic reconnaissance missions, Sep 1953–May 1958, and air refueling missions, Feb 1956–Jun 1960. Served as RB–47 combat crew training wing, May 1958–Jun 1960. Deployed at Eielson AFB, Alaska, 5 May–31 Aug 1955. Not operational, Jun 1960–Jun 1963. Supervised missile facility construction, Jul 1963–Jul 1964, and served as a strategic missile wing, using Minuteman I missiles from Jul 1964 to Oct 1974, and Minuteman III missiles from Jun 1973. Won the SAC missile combat competition and the Blanchard Trophy in 1973 and 1984. Received Omaha Trophy for the outstanding wing in SAC 1983. Supervised Peacekeeper ICBM personnel training and facility preparation, beginning Jun 1985. Peacekeeper was declared fully operational on 30 Dec 1986. The unit won the Col Lowell F. McAdoo trophy for best missile wing operations in SAC and the Lee R. Williams trophy as SAC's outstanding missile wing in 1988. In Feb 1993, gained the 37th Reconnaissance Squadron, which had provided helicopter support, missile convoy security, rescue, recovery and medical evacuation at the base since 1973.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1968–30 Jun 1969; 1 Jul 1973–30 Jun 1975; 1 Jul 1982–30 Jun 1984; 1 Jul 1987–30 Jun 1989.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 90th Operations Group prior to 2 Jan 1951.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. World War II: Air Offensive, Japan; China Defensive; Papua; Guadalcanal; New Guinea; Northern Solomons; Bismarck Archipelago; Western Pacific; Leyte; Luzon; Southern Philippines; China Offensive.

Decorations. Distinguished Unit Citations: Papua, [Nov] 1942–23 Jan 1943; New Guinea, 13 and 15 Sep 1943. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation.

Emblem

Azure, issuant from base a demi-globe Celeste gridlined Argent (Silver Gray), two lightning flashes chevronwise reversed Or striking globe at pole, overall a pile diminished reversed Gules, between six mullets chevronwise in chief of the third, all within a diminished bordure Yellow. Approved on 15 Sep 1993; replaced emblems approved on 29 Sep 1964 (K 15820) and 24 Aug 1953 (47564 A.C.).



92d Air Refueling Wing

Established as 92d Bombardment Wing, Very Heavy, and organized, on 17 Nov 1947. Redesignated: 92d Bombardment Wing, Medium, on 12 Jul 1948; 92d Bombardment Wing, Heavy, on 16 Jun 1951; 92d Strategic Aerospace Wing on 15 Feb 1962; 92d Bombardment Wing, Heavy, on 31 Mar 1972; 92d Wing on 1 Sep 1991; 92d Bomb Wing on 1 Jun 1992; 92d Air Refueling Wing on 1 Jul 1994.

Assignments

Fifteenth Air Force, 17 Nov 1947; 57th Air Division, 16 Apr 1951 (attached to 3d Air Division, 16 Oct 1954–12 Jan 1955 and 26 Apr–6 Jul 1956); Fifteenth Air Force, 4 Sep 1956; 18th Air (later, 18th Strategic Aerospace) Division, 1 Jul 1959 (attached to 14th Strategic Aerospace Division, 15 Jun–1 Jul 1968); 14th Strategic Aerospace Division, 2 Jul 1968; 4th Strategic Aerospace Division, 31 Mar 1970; 47th Air Division, 30 Jun 1971; 57th Air Division, 23 Jan 1987; Fifteenth Air Force, 15 Jun 1988; Twelfth Air Force, 1 Jun 1992; Fifteenth Air Force, 1 Jul 1994–.

Components

Wings. 90th: attached 2–31 Jan 1951. 98th: attached 17 Nov 1947–15 Apr 1950 and 16 May 1950–31 Mar 1951.

Groups. 92d Bombardment (later, 92d Operations): 17 Nov 1947–16 Jun 1952 (detached 7 Feb–19 May 1949 and 9 Jul–30 Oct 1950); 1 Sep 1991–. 98th: attached 17 Nov 1947–21 Aug 1948, 10 Dec 1948–16 May 1949, and 18 Aug 1949–15 Apr 1950; rear echelon (no aircraft or crews) attached 2 Aug 1950–16 Apr 1951. 454th: attached 27 Jun 1949–16 Jun 1951.

Squadrons. 22d Air Refueling: 15 Jun 1960–1 Jul 1962. 43d Air Refueling: 2 Apr 1966–1 Sep 1991 (detached c. 22 Mar–8 Jul 1968 and 9 Jun–14 Sep 1969). 92d Air Refueling: 1 Jul 1957–1 Sep 1991 (detached 1 Jul–13 Sep 1957). 325th Bombardment: attached 16 Feb 1951–15 Jun 1952, assigned 16 Jun 1952–1 Sep 1991. 326th: attached 16 Feb 1951–15 Jun 1952, assigned 16 Jun 1952–1 Apr 1961 (detached 1 Mar–1 Apr 1961). 327th: attached 16 Feb 1951–15 Jun 1952, assigned 16 Jun 1952–1 Jun 1960. 567th Strategic Missile: 1 Apr 1960–25 Jun 1965.

Stations

Spokane AAFld (later, Spokane AFB; Fairchild AFB), WA, 17 Nov 1947–.

Commanders

Col Albert J. Shower, 17 Nov 1947; Col James E. Briggs, 12 Apr 1948; Lt Col James E. Johnson, 18 Aug 1948; Brig Gen James E. Briggs, c. 17 Sep 1948; Col Clifford H. Rees, 17 Mar 1949; Col Kermit D. Stevens, (by 26 Jul) 1950; Col Conrad F. Necrason, (by 29) Aug 1950; Col Clifford H. Rees, (by 26) Sep 1950; Col Conrad F. Necrason, (by 30) Oct 1950; Col Clifford H. Rees, c. 1 Nov 1950; Col Conrad F. Necrason, 6 Jan 1951; Col Claude E. Putnam, Jr., 14 Apr 1951; Col McLyle G. Zumwalt, c. Jun 1951; Col Kenneth B. Hobson, (by 19) Jun 1951; Col Edgar S. Davis, 23 Jan 1952; Col David

Wade, 9 Feb 1952; Col Jack J. Catton, 1 Nov 1952; Brig Gen James V. Edmundson, 18 Nov 1952; Col Jack J. Catton, 20 Mar 1954; Col Roland A. Campbell, 7 Jul 1955; Col Robert B. Hurley, Aug 1956; Col Clarence A. Neely, 8 Aug 1956; Col Robert B. Hurley, 22 Oct 1956; Col Clarence A. Neely, 25 Jan 1957; Col Edward A. Perry, 12 Dec 1957; Col Donald E. Hillman, 20 Jan 1958; Col Lester F. Miller, 30 May 1959; Col Reuben A. Baxter, 6 Jun 1962; Col Daniel V. MacDonald, 11 Jul 1962; Col Reuben A. Baxter, 26 Jul 1962; Col David I. Liebman, 6 Aug 1962; Col Edison F. Arnold, 15 May 1964; Col Alex W. Talmant, 15 Mar 1965; Col Woodrow A. Abbott, c. May 1967; Col Robert H. Gaughan, 17 Jan 1968; Col Robert L. Cooch, c. 22 Mar 1968; Col Robert H. Gaughan, 23 Sep 1968; Col Robert L. Cooch, 15 Mar 1969; Col Frank W. Elliott, Jr., 14 Sep 1969; Col Richard F. Heller, Jr., 23 Jan 1970; Col Clyde R. Denniston, Jr., 15 Jan 1971; Col Donald L. Keplinger, 18 Jun 1971; Col Martin C. Fulcher, 9 Apr 1973; Col Louis C. Buckman, 1 Feb 1974; Col John R. Stewart, Jr., 29 May 1975; Col Philip A. Brennan, 7 Apr 1976; Col Alan H. Lancaster, 13 Jun 1977; Col John A. Shaud, 19 Jun 1978; Col David R. Moore, 16 Jun 1980; Col Charles A. May, 30 Jul 1981; Col John R. Allen, Jr., 3 Aug 1982; Col James W. Meier, 29 Aug 1984; Col Thomas J. Harris, 30 Dec 1986; Col Arnold L. Weinman, 13 Feb 1989; Col Michael G. Ruotsala, 25 Jul 1991; Brig Gen James M. Richards III, 6 Aug 1992–.

Aircraft and Missiles

B–29, 1947–1950, 1950–1952; B–36, 1951–1957; KB–29, 1957; B–52, 1957–1968, 1968–1969, 1969–1972, 1973–; KC–135, 1958–1992; Atlas, 1961–1965; T–37, 1991–.

Operations

Served as a double-sized B–29 bombardment wing, Nov 1947–Apr 1950, and May 1950–Apr 1951, although one bomb group was generally deployed overseas for training or combat. Supervised a Reserve corollary bomb group, Jun 1949–Feb 1951. Pioneered mass B–36 deployments to the Far East, Aug–Sep 1953. Deployed at Andersen AFB, Guam, 16 Oct 1954–12 Jan 1955 and 26 Apr–6 Jul 1956. Added air refueling operations to bombardment mission in Sep 1957. From Jul 1961 to Aug 1965, controlled an Atlas missile squadron. Supported SAC activities in Southeast Asia from early 1965 to Dec 1975 through deployment of bomber and tanker aircraft and crews. From Mar to Sep 1968 and Mar to Sep 1969, all wing B–52s and half its KC–135 resources, plus support personnel, were involved in Southeast Asia operations with other SAC units. From Jun 1972 to Oct 1973, all wing B–52s

and most wing KC-135s, plus aircrew and support personnel, again supported SAC operations in Southeast Asia. After 1975, performed joint USAF/Navy sea reconnaissance and surveillance missions. Provided KC-135 aircraft to tanker task forces in the US, Europe, and the Pacific through 1992. In 1983, the Wing's B-52Gs were modified to carry AGM-86B Air-Launched Cruise Missiles (ALCM). In 1985, upgraded to B-52H with improved strategic weapons carriage and offensive electronics capabilities. Won Fairchild Trophy in 1953, 1986, and again in 1992 when it won SAC's last competition and retired the trophy. Also won the Saunders Trophy for best air refueling unit in SAC for 1992. Ended B-52 alert duties in Sep 1992, and in Feb 1993 gained a new mission for the Department of Energy performing air sampling missions with modified B-52Hs.

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 22 Aug-11 Sep 1953; 3 Mar-6 Oct 1959; 1 Jan 1961-31 Mar 1962; 1 Jul 1967-30 Jun 1968; 1 Jul-1 Oct 1968; 1 Jul 1969-30 Jun 1970; 1 Jul 1976-30 Jun 1977; 1 Jul 1991-30 Jun 1993.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 92d Operations Group prior to 17 Nov 1947.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater; Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe.

Decorations. Distinguished Unit Citations: Germany, 11 Jan 1944; Merseberg, Germany, 11 Sep 1944.

Emblem

Per bend Celeste and Sable, on a globe axis bendwise Azure gridlined Or two flight symbols Gray garnished Argent descending bendwise sinister between an orbital contrail of the last, turned Silver Gray, all within a diminished bordure Yellow. Approved on 7 Jul 1994; replaced emblems approved on

21 Nov 1957 (K 3321) and 9 Jun 1952 (24964 A.C.). *Motto:* DUPLUM INCOLUMITATIS—Twofold Security. Approved on 21 Nov 1957.



93d Bomb Wing

Established as 93d Bombardment Wing, Very Heavy, on 28 Jul 1947. Organized on 15 Aug 1947. Redesignated: 93d Bombardment Wing, Medium, on 12 Jul 1948; 93d Bombardment Wing, Heavy, on 1 Feb 1955; 93d Wing on 1 Sep 1991; 93d Bomb Wing on 1 Jun 1992.

Assignments

Fifteenth Air Force, 15 Aug 1947 (attached to 7th Air Division, 6 Dec 1951–6 Mar 1952); 47th Air (later, 47th Strategic Aerospace; 47th Air) Division, 1 Jul 1959; Second Air Force, 30 Jun 1971; Fifteenth Air Force, 15 Feb 1973; 14th Air Division, 1 Oct 1976; 12th Air Division, 1 Oct 1985; Fifteenth Air Force, 15 Jul 1988; Twelfth Air Force, 1 Jun 1992–.

Components

Groups. 93d Bombardment (later, 93d Operations) Group: 15 Aug 1947–16 Jun 1952 (detached 15 May–25 Aug 1948 and 15 Jul 1950–30 Jan 1951); 1 Sep 1991–31 Oct 1994. 447th: attached 10 Feb–16 Jun 1951.

Squadrons. 90th Air Refueling: 18 Jan 1954–5 Aug 1955 (detached c. 3 Apr–18 May 1954 and 1 Apr–16 Jul 1955). 93d Air Refueling: attached 15 Jul 1950–30 Jan 1951; attached 10 Feb 1951–15 Jun 1952, assigned 16 Jun 1952–1 Sep 1991 (detached c. 1 Apr–15 May 1954, 29 Jun–14 Aug 1954, 19 Jan–c. 15 Mar 1955, 18 Jun–c. 3 Jul 1955, 2 Nov 1955–5 Jan 1956, and 27 Sep–c. 24 Dec 1956). 328th: attached 10 Feb 1951–15 Jun 1952, assigned 16 Jun 1952–1 Sep 1991. 329th Bombardment (later, 329th Strategic Bombardment Training; 329th Combat Crew Training): attached 10 Feb 1951–15 Jun 1952, assigned 16 Jun 1952–30 Sep 1971; 1 Jul 1986–1 Sep 1991. 330th Bombardment (later, 330th Combat Flight Instructor): attached 10 Feb 1951–15 Jun 1952, assigned 16 Jun 1952–15 Sep 1963; 24 Aug 1988–1 Sep 1991. 340th Air Refueling: attached 20 Oct 1952–18 Jan 1954. 341st Air Refueling: attached 11 Jun 1954–15 Aug 1955. 924th Air Refueling: 1 Jul 1959–1 Sep 1991.

Stations

Castle Field (later, AFB), CA, 15 Aug 1947–.

Commanders

Col Lee B. Coats, 15 Aug 1947; Lt Col William G. Gillespie, 5 May 1948; Lt Col Jack D. Whidden, 14 Jun 1948; Lt Col William G. Gillespie, 18 Jun 1948; Col Robert H. Terrill, 29 Jun 1948; Lt Col William G. Gillespie, 31 Jul 1948; Col Glendon P. Overing, 14 Aug 1948; Col Robert H. Terrill, 27 Aug 1948; Col David Wade, 13 Jul 1950; Col Charles W. Bicking, 15 Jul 1950; Col David Wade, 4 Oct 1950; Brig Gen Robert H. Terrill, 1 Feb 1951; Col John E. Dougherty, 10 Apr 1951; Col Richard H. Carmichael, 16 Apr 1951; Col John E. Dougherty, 23 Apr 1951; Col Richard H. Carmichael, 3 May 1951; Col John E. Dougherty, 19 Oct 1951; Col Frank L. O'Brien, Jr., 10 Jun

1952; Col John E. Dougherty, c. Aug 1952; Col Frank L. O'Brien, Jr., 25 Nov 1952; Col John E. Dougherty, (by 31) Dec 1952; Col Frank L. O'Brien, Jr., 3 Feb 1953; Brig Gen William E. Eubank, Jr., 2 Jul 1953; Col Paul K. Carlton, 1 Jul 1958; Maj Gen William E. Eubank, Jr., 22 Jul 1958; Col George B. Thabault, Jul 1959; Col Lawrence S. Lightner, 11 Aug 1959; Col James V. Reardon, 21 Jul 1961; Col Roy C. Crompton, 17 Jan 1966; Col Charles Abbuhl, Jr., 9 Sep 1966; Col Woodrow A. Abbott, 26 Jan 1968; Brig Gen Bryan M. Shotts, 23 Jun 1969; Col Colin C. Hamilton, Jr., 16 Mar 1970; Brig Gen Charles I. Bennett, Jr., 23 Apr 1971 (additional duty), 30 Jun 1971 (permanent); Col James H. McGrath, 21 Jan 1972; Brig Gen John R. Kelly, Jr., 6 Mar 1972; Col Malcolm L. Landess, 13 Jan 1973; Brig Gen Richard N. Cody, 12 Mar 1973; Col Irving B. Reed, 1 Jul 1974; Col Jimmy R. Williams, 1 Apr 1975; Col Burr V. Miller, Jr., 14 May 1977; Col John A. Brashear, 24 Aug 1978; Col James P. McCarthy, 13 Mar 1979; Col Leo W. Smith II, 28 Apr 1980; Col William J. Grove, Jr., 26 Oct 1981; Col Loring R. Astorino, 20 Jun 1983; Col Robert E. Dempsey, 19 Apr 1984; Col Robert M. Marquette, 6 Jun 1986; Col Joseph C. Wilson, Jr., 22 Jan 1987; Col Richard D. Martin, 11 Oct 1988; Col Eugene J. Famulare, 17 Jul 1990; Col Silas R. Johnson, Jr., 22 Jun 1992–.

Aircraft

B–29, 1947–1949; B–50, 1949–1950, 1950–1954; KB–29, 1950–1953; KC–97, 1953–1955, 1955, 1956, 1956–1957; B–47, 1954–1956; B–52, 1955–; KC–135, 1957–.

Operations

Maintained combat readiness for global strategic bombardment, Aug 1947–Feb 1956. The Wing's 93d Bombardment Group deployed to Okinawa in 1948 becoming the first SAC bomb group to deploy in full strength to the Far East. The Wing began aerial refueling operations, Oct 1950. Deployed its tactical force, augmented by support personnel, to England, Jul 1950–Jan 1951. Deployed the entire 93d Wing to England, Dec 1951–Mar 1952. Provided aerial refueling and navigational assistance for the Jul 1952 movement of the 31st Fighter-Escort Wing from the United States to Japan, the first jet fighter crossing of the Pacific Ocean. First SAC wing to convert to B–52 aircraft, 1955–1956. Became SAC's primary B–52 aircrew training organization, incorporating KC–135 aircrew training in mid-1956. Notable operations include nonstop B–52 flights of some 16,000 miles around North America and to the North Pole in Nov 1956; the first jet aircraft nonstop

flight around the world in Jan 1957, with wing B-52's flying 23,574 miles in 45:19 hours; and a nonstop, unrefueled KC-135 flight from Yokota AB, Japan, to Washington DC, in 13:58 hours in Apr 1958. Although most of its components were used for aircrew training, after 1956 the wing often maintained one or more of its units in a tactical role, with operational commitments. From Apr 1968 to Apr 1974, operated a special B-52 replacement training unit to support SAC's B-52 operation in Southeast Asia. Won the SAC Bombing and Navigation Competition and the Fairchild Trophy in 1949, 1952, and 1970 and the Omaha Trophy as the outstanding wing in SAC for 1970. Continued B-52 and KC-135 aircrew training along with supplying numerous refueling missions. In Aug 1990 the wing operated an aerial port of embarkation for personnel and equipment deploying to Southwest Asia. In addition to performing aerial refueling, tankers ferried personnel and equipment to forward operating locations, while wing B-52s deployed to worldwide strategic locations, including Saudi Arabia. Bombed the Iraqi Republican Guard and targeted Iraqi infrastructures such as chemical weapons, nuclear, and industrial plants, Jan-Feb 1991. Relieved of its air refueling and KC-135 aircrew training missions in 1992.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jan 1956-1 Jul 1959; 1 Jun 1962-1 Apr 1963; 1 Apr 1973-30 Jun 1974; 1 Jul 1983-30 Jun 1985; 1 Jul 1988-30 Jun 1990; 2 Aug 1990-11 Apr 1991.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display the honors earned by the 93d Operations Group prior to 15 Aug 1947.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater; Air Combat, EAME Theater; Egypt-Libya; Air Offensive, Europe; Tunisia;

Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe.

Decorations. Distinguished Unit Citations: North Africa, 17 Dec 1942-20 Feb 1943; Ploesti, Rumania, 1 Aug 1943.

Emblem

Azure a bend parti per bend Sable and Argent debriused by a lightning flash bendwise sinister Or between in sinister chief a globe White gridlined Black charged with a wreath of olive Vert and in dexter base a globe White gridlined Black bearing a cross barby. The arms Yellow, Blue, Green and Red, all within a diminished bordure of the fourth. Approved on 4 Sep 1953 (K 7018).



95th Air Base Wing

Established as 95th Bombardment Group (Heavy) on 28 Jan 1942. Activated on 15 Jun 1942. Redesignated 95th Bombardment Group, Heavy, on 20 Aug 1943. Inactivated on 28 Aug 1945. Redesignated 95th Bombardment Group, Very Heavy, on 13 May 1947. Activated in the Reserve on 29 May 1947. Inactivated on 27 Jun 1949. Consolidated (31 Jan 1984) with the 95th Bombardment Wing, Medium, which was established on 4 Jun 1952. Activated on 16 Jun 1952. Redesignated 95th Bombardment Wing, Heavy, on 8 Nov 1952. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 25 Jun 1966. Redesignated 95th Strategic Wing, and activated, on 8 Aug 1966. Organized on 2 Oct 1966. Inactivated on 30 Sep 1976. Redesignated 95th Air Base Wing on 16 Sep 1994. Activated on 1 Oct 1994.

Assignments

III Bomber Command, 15 Jun 1942; II Bomber Command, 26 Jun 1942; Eighth Air Force, 11 May 1943; VIII Bomber Command, 19 May 1943; 4th Bombardment Wing, 25 May 1943 (attached to 402d Provisional Combat Wing Bombardment [Heavy], 6 Jun–12 Sep 1943); 3d Bombardment Division, 13 Sep 1943; 13th Combat Bombardment Wing (Heavy) (later, 13th Bombardment Wing, Heavy), 14 Sep 1943–Aug 1945. 21st Bombardment Wing, Very Heavy (later, 21st Air Division, Bombardment), 29 May 1947–27 Jun 1949. 810th Air Division, 16 Jun 1952 (attached to 3d Air Division, 26 Jul–4 Nov 1955); 819th Strategic Aerospace Division, 1 Jul 1962; 12th Strategic Aerospace Division, 1 Jul 1964–25 Jun 1966. Strategic Air Command, 8 Aug 1966; 45th Air Division, 2 Oct 1966–30 Sep 1976. Air Force Flight Test Center, 1 Oct 1994–.

Components

Squadrons. 334th: 15 Jun 1942–28 Aug 1945; 29 May 1947–27 Jun 1949; 16 Jun 1952–25 Jun 1966. 335th: 15 Jun 1942–28 Aug 1945; 17 Jul 1947–27 Jun 1949; 16 Jun 1952–15 Jan 1959. 336th: 15 Jun 1942–28 Aug 1945; 16 Jul 1947–27 Jun 1949; 16 Jun 1952–1 Jul 1959. 412th: 15 Jun 1942–28 Aug 1945; 16 Jul 1947–27 Jun 1949. 917th Air Refueling: 1 May 1959–15 Jan 1965.

Stations

Barksdale Field, LA, 15 Jun 1942; Pendleton Field, OR, 26 Jun 1942; Geiger Field, WA, 28 Aug 1942; Ephrata AAB, WA, 31 Oct 1942; Geiger Field, WA, 24 Nov 1942; Rapid City AAB, SD, 17 Dec 1942–11 Mar 1943; Framlingham, England, May 1943; Horham, England, 15 Jun 1943–19 Jun 1945; Sioux Falls AAFld, SD, c. 14–28 Aug 1945; Memphis Muni Aprt, TN, 29 May 1947–27 Jun 1949. Biggs AFB, TX, 16 Jun 1952–25 Jun 1966. Goose AB (later, Aprt), Canada, 2 Oct 1966–30 Sep 1976. Edwards AFB, CA, 1 Oct 1994–.

Commanders

None (not manned), 15 Jun–Oct 1942; Col Alfred A. Kessler, Jr., 23 Oct 1942; Col John K. Gerhart, 22 Jun 1943; Col Chester P. Gilger, c. 29 Jan 1944; Col Karl Truesdell, Jr., c. 10 May 1944; Col Jack E. Shuck, c. 15 Dec 1944; Lt Col Robert H. Stuart, 28 Apr 1945–unkn. Unkn, 29 May 1947–27 Jun 1949. Brig Gen John D. Ryan, 16 Jun 1952 (additional duty); Col Bertram C. Harrison, Nov 1952–Mar 1953; unkn, Mar–23 Aug 1953; Col Edward W. Scott, Jr., 24 Aug 1953; Col Gerald G. Robinson, 3 Nov 1956; Col Thomas G. Netcher, 5 Nov 1960; Col Douglas M. Conlan, Nov 1963;

Col Gerald W. Johnson, 1 Dec 1963; Col Douglas M. Conlan, 4 Jun 1965; Col George P. Cole, 26 Jul 1965–25 Jun 1966. None (not manned), 8 Aug–1 Oct 1966; Col Donald G. McPherson, 2 Oct 1966; Col James O. Britt, 28 Aug 1967; Col Lawrence F. McGuire, 14 Aug 1969; Col James B. Penrod, 27 Apr 1970; Col Duard Y. Jackson, 30 Mar 1971; Col John H. Moore, Jr., 28 Mar 1973; Col John R. Shipe, 14 Aug 1974; Col Caleb G. Pendley, 10 Jul 1975; Lt Col Milo L. Carlson, 14 Jul–30 Sep 1976.

Aircraft

B–17, 1942–1945. Unkn, 1947–1949. B–36, 1953–1959; B–52, 1959–1966; KC–135, 1959–1965. KC–135 (attached), 1966–1975.

Operations

Activated in Jun 1942 but not manned until Oct 1942 at Geiger Field, WA. Trained with B–17s in preparation for duty overseas. Moved to England, Mar–May 1943. Entered combat for Eighth Air Force on 13 May 1943. During the next two months, repeatedly attacked V–weapon sites and airfields in France. Began bombing strategic objectives in Germany in Jul 1943 and engaged primarily in such operations until V–E Day. Targets included harbors, industries, marshalling yards, and cities. Received a Distinguished Unit Citation (DUC) for maintaining a tight defensive formation in spite of severe assault by enemy fighters and bombing the aircraft assembly plant at Regensburg, Germany, on 17 Aug 1943. Withstanding concentrated attacks by fighters during the approach to the target and intense antiaircraft fire directly over the objective, the group effectively bombarded marshalling yards at Munster on 10 Oct 1943, earning a second DUC. Participated in the intensive campaign of heavy bombers against the German aircraft industry during Big Week, 20–25 Feb 1944. Received another DUC for action during an attack by AAF bombers on Berlin on 4 Mar 1944; while many participating organizations, because of weather conditions, either abandoned the operation or struck other targets, the 95th proceeded to Berlin and successfully bombed a suburb of the German capital despite snowstorms, dense clouds, and severe enemy attack. The group interrupted its strategic operations to strike coastal defenses and communications during the invasion of Normandy in Jun 1944; hit enemy troop concentrations and thus assist the Allied breakthrough at St Lo in Jul 1944; drop ammunition, food, and medical supplies to Polish resistance in Warsaw on 18 Sep 1944; attack enemy transportation during the Battle of the Bulge, Dec 1944–Jan 1945; and bomb airdromes in support of the Allied assault across the Rhine in Mar 1945. Flew its last combat mission, an attack

on marshalling yards at Oranienburg, Germany, on 20 Apr 1945. Dropped food to the Dutch during the first week in May. After V–E Day, transported liberated prisoners and displaced persons from Austria to France and England. Returned to the US for inactivation on 28 Aug 1945. Activated as a very heavy bombardment group on May 1947, at Memphis, TN. Trained as a reserve unit until inactivation in Jun 1949. The wing activated at Biggs AFB, TX, on 15 Jun 1952, but was not manned until Jul 1953, and only minimally manned until it began strategic bombardment training with B–36 aircraft in Sep 1953. Operated in support of SAC's global commitments, Apr 1954–Feb 1966. Wing deployed to Andersen AB, Guam, and operated under control of 3d Air Division, Jul–Nov 1955. Lost B–36s by Feb 1959 and received first B–52s in Jun. Added air refueling mission, Aug 1959–Jan 1965. Phased down Jan–Jun 1966, and inactivated on 25 Jun 1966. Activated as a strategic wing, the 95th supported SAC's KC–135 alert tanker forces in eastern Canada and North Atlantic, Oct 1966–Dec 1975. Phased down for inactivation, closing most USAF operations at Goose Bay, Jan–Sep 1976. Inactivated on 30 Sep 1976.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Germany, 17 Aug 1943; Munster, Germany, 10 Oct 1943; Berlin, Germany, 4 Mar 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1970–30 Jun 1971; 27–30 Jun 1974.

Emblem

Azure, a Justin Cross throughout Or, all within a diminished bordure of the same. Approved on 11 Oct 1995; replaced emblem approved on 26 Feb 1943 (K 9965). *Motto*: JUSTICE WITH VICTORY. Approved on 26 Feb 1943.



96th Air Base Wing

Established as 96th Bombardment Group, Heavy, on 28 Jan 1942. Activated on 15 Jul 1942. Inactivated on 21 Dec 1945. Redesignated 96th Bombardment Group, Very Heavy, on 13 May 1947. Activated in the Reserve on 29 May 1947. Inactivated on 27 Jun 1949. Consolidated (31 Jan 1984) with the 96th Bombardment Wing, Heavy, which was established on 23 Mar 1953. Redesignated 96th Bombardment Wing, Medium, on 6 Nov 1953. Activated on 18 Nov 1953. Redesignated: 96th Strategic Aerospace Wing on 1 Apr 1962; 96th Bombardment Wing, Heavy, on 31 Mar 1972; 96th Wing on 1 Sep 1991. Inactivated on 1 Oct 1993. Redesignated 96th Air Base Wing on 10 Mar 1994. Activated on 15 Mar 1994.

Assignments

Second Air Force, 15 Jul 1942–c. 4 Apr 1943; 4th Bombardment Wing (later, 4th Combat Bombardment Wing, Heavy), c. 14 Apr 1943 (attached to: 401st Provisional Combat Wing, Bombardment [Heavy], 6–19 Jun 1943; 403d Provisional Combat Wing, Bombardment [Heavy], 20 Jun–13 Sep 1943); 45th Combat Bombardment Wing, Heavy, 14 Sep 1943; 3d Air Division, 18 Jun 1945; 1st Air Division, 12 Aug 1945; 3d Air Division, 28 Sep–12 Dec 1945; New York Port of Embarkation, 20–21 Dec 1945. 19th Bombardment Wing, Very Heavy (later, 19th Air Division, Bombardment), 29 May 1947–27 Jun 1949. Eighth Air Force, 18 Nov 1953; Fifteenth Air Force, 1 Apr 1955 (attached to 3d Air Division, 10 Jan–7 Apr 1957); 819th Air (later, 819th Strategic Aerospace) Division, 3 Sep 1957; 19th Air Division, 2 Jul 1966; 12th Air Division, 1 Jul 1973; Fifteenth Air Force, 15 Jul 1988; Eighth Air Force, 1 Sep 1991–1 Oct 1993. Air Force Development Test Center, 15 Mar 1994–.

Components

Group. 96th Operations: 1 Sep 1991–1 Oct 1993.

Squadrons. 4th Strategic Support: 1 Sep 1959–15 Mar 1961. 11th Air Refueling: attached 16 Dec 1957–Mar 1958. 96th Air Refueling: 18 Nov 1953–3 Dec 1957 (detached 5 Oct–20 Nov 1954, 1 Aug–14 Sep 1955, 18–31 Jan 1956, 25 Jun–9 Oct 1956, and 10 Jan–7 Apr 1957). 321st Air Refueling: attached 3 Jul–8 Nov 1954. 337th Bombardment: 15 Jul 1942–29 Nov 1945; 29 May 1947–27 Jun 1949; 18 Nov 1953–15 Mar 1963; 15 Sep 1963–1 Sep 1991. 338th Bombardment (later, 338th Strategic Bombardment Training [B–1B]; 338th Combat Crew Training [B–1B]): 15 Jul 1942–15 Dec 1945; 29 May–8 Oct 1947; 18 Nov 1953–15 Mar 1963; 1 Jul 1986–1 Sep 1991. 339th Bombardment: 15 Jul 1942–29 Nov 1945; 29 May–8 Oct 1947; 18 Nov 1953–15 Mar 1963. 380th Air Refueling: attached 8 Nov 1954–1 Apr 1955. 413th Bombardment: 15 Jul 1942–19 Dec 1945; 17 Jul 1947–27 Jun 1949; 1 Nov 1958–1 Jan 1962. 546th Bombardment: 16 Jul 1947–27 Jun 1949. 547th Bombardment: 16 Jul 1947–27 Jun 1949. 578th Strategic Missile: 1 Jul 1961–25 Mar 1965. 917th Air Refueling: attached 1–14 Jan 1965, assigned 15 Jan 1965–1 Sep 1991. 4018th Combat Crew Training: 15 Mar 1985–1 Jul 1986.

Stations

Salt Lake City AAB, UT, 15 Jul 1942; Gowen Field, ID, 6 Aug 1942; Walla Walla AAB, WA, 14 Aug 1942 (ground echelon), 1 Sep 1942 (air echelon);

Rapid City AAB, SD, 30 Sep 1942; Pocatello AAB, ID, 1 Nov 1942; Pyote AAB, TX, 3 Jan–Mar 1943; Great Saling, England, May 1943; Snetterton Heath, England, 12 Jun 1943–12 Dec 1945; Camp Kilmer, NJ, 20–21 Dec 1945. Gunter Field (later, AFB), AL, 29 May 1947–27 Jun 1949. Altus AFB, OK, 18 Nov 1953; Dyess AFB, TX, 8 Sep 1957–1 Oct 1993. Eglin AFB, FL, 15 Mar 1994–.

Commanders

None (not manned), 15 Jul–5 Aug 1942; Col Archie J. Old, Jr., 6 Aug 1942; Col James L. Travis, c. 7 Sep 1943; Col Robert W. Warren, Jun 1944; Lt Col Robert J. Nolan, c. 27 May 1945–unkn. Lt Col Duane E. Thompson, 29 May 1947–unkn; Lt Col S. R. Young, (by Nov) 1948–unkn. Col Dearl L. Beard, 18 Nov 1953 (additional duty), 15 Mar 1954 (permanent); Col Audrin R. Walker, 21 Apr 1954; Col Roger M. Crow, 11 Jan 1955 (temporary); Col Robert B. Templeman, 26 Jan 1955 (temporary); Col Roger M. Crow, 29 Jan 1955 (temporary); Col Audrin R. Walker, 10 Mar 1955; Col Howard B. Walsh, c. 1 Oct 1957; Col Charles F. McKenna III, Oct 1957; Col Burton C. Andrus, Jr., 1 Nov 1958; Col William R. Yancey, 1 Dec 1958; Col Burton C. Andrus, Jr., 1 Mar 1959; Col William L. McDowell, Jr., 1 Jun 1961; Col Harold A. Radetsky, (by 27) Jun 1963; Col Eugene A. Stalzer, 2 Aug 1965; Col William A. Cooper, 16 Jun 1967; Col Edgar S. Harris, Jr., 16 Aug 1968; Col William P. Armstrong, 13 Feb 1970; Col Bertram G. Brunner, c. 5 Jun 1970; Col Evarice C. Mire, Jr., c. 22 Jun 1970–unkn; Col William P. Armstrong, (by 7 Oct) 1970; Col James D. Naler, 15 Mar 1971; Col Bill V. Brown, c. 8 Feb 1972; Col Eric W. Carlson, 10 Aug 1972; Col James D. Naler, 15 Nov 1972; Col Eric W. Carlson, 29 Jun 1973; Col Bill V. Brown, 23 Aug 1973; Col Eric W. Carlson, 1 May 1974; Col Frank J. Apel, Jr., 2 Jul 1975; Col Joseph S. Morison, 24 Aug 1977; Col Richard B. Houghton, 5 Jun 1978; Col David L. Wyse, 4 June 1980; Col Mack C. Turley, 26 Jan 1982; Col George L. Butler, 8 Jun 1983; Col Alan V. Rogers, 2 Jul 1984; Col Robert E. Dempsey, 18 Jun 1986; Col Albert D. Jensen, 28 May 1987; Col William J. Ehrie, 27 Feb 1989; Col Johnny G. Griffin, 11 Jul 1991; Brig Gen Jerrold P. Allen, 22 Jun 1992–.

Aircraft and Missiles

B–17, 1942–1945. AT–6, 1947–1949; AT–11, 1947–1949. KC–97, 1954–1956, 1956–1958; B–47, 1955–1963; C–124, 1959–1961; Atlas, 1962–1965; B–52, 1963–1970, 1970–1972, 1973–1985; KC–135, 1965–1970, 1970–1972, 1973–; B–1B, 1985–.

Operations

Activated on 15 Jul 1942 and manned in early Aug, the 96th spent the next six months training with B-17s and as an operational training unit. Moved to England, Apr–May 1943, and served with the Eighth Air Force. Entered combat in May 1943 and functioned primarily as a strategic bombardment organization throughout the war. Attacked shipyards, harbors, railroad yards, airdromes, oil refineries, aircraft factories, and other industrial targets in Germany, France, Holland, Belgium, Norway, Poland, Hungary, and Czechoslovakia. Received a Distinguished Unit Citation for withstanding severe assault by enemy fighters to bomb the vital aircraft factories at Regensburg on 17 Aug 1943. Received another DUC for leading components of the 45th Combat Bombardment Wing, Heavy, a great distance through heavy clouds and intense antiaircraft fire to raid important aircraft component factories in Poland on 9 Apr 1944. In addition to strategic operations, missions included bombing coastal defenses, railway bridges, gun emplacements, and field batteries in the battle area prior to and during the invasion of Normandy in Jun 1944; attacking enemy positions in support of the breakthrough at St Lo in Jul 1944; aiding the campaign in France in Aug by striking roads and road junctions and dropping supplies to the Maquis; and attacking, during the early months of 1945, the transport centers supplying German armies on the western front. After V–E Day, flew food to Holland and hauled redeployed personnel to French Morocco, Ireland, France, and Germany. Returned to the US in Dec 1945 and inactivated on 21 Dec 1945. Activated in the Reserve on 29 May 1947 at Gunter AFB, AL. Inactivated on 27 Jun 1949. Although activated in Nov 1953, wing headquarters and most wing components were not manned until Mar 1954; those components manned were controlled by the 96th Air Base Group, whose commander served additional duty as wing commander. Began air refueling operations in Mar 1954 and bombardment training in Apr 1955 in support of SAC's global commitments. Deployed at Andersen AFB, Guam, 10 Jan–7 Apr 1957. Controlled a strategic airlift squadron, Sep 1959–Mar 1961, and an Atlas missile squadron, Jul 1961–Mar 1965. The first Atlas missile went on alert in Apr 1962. During several months of 1970, and for a lengthy period in 1972–1973, all wing aircraft, crews, and most support personnel were loaned to other SAC organizations based in the Far East or Southeast Asia for combat operations. From 1980, the wing's KC-135A aircraft deployed to Europe, Alaska, and the Pacific to support SAC tanker task force requirements. Became the first wing to operate the B-1B, after the arrival of the first aircraft on 29 Jun 1985. On 1 Oct 1986, B-1Bs assumed

SAC alert duties for the first time. Wing KC-135 tankers provided refueling support to units involved in the invasion of Panama, Dec 1989. Ferried personnel and equipment to Guam for further movement to Southwest Asia, in Aug 1990. Single KC-135s provided refueling support throughout Southwest Asia, Aug 1990–Mar 1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Germany, 17 Aug 1943; Poznan, Poland, 9 Apr 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jan 1959–31 Dec 1960; 1 Jul 1974–30 Jun 1975; 30 May 1990–29 May 1992.

Emblem

Azure, a falcon's head erased Or holding in its beak a drop bomb bendwise nose to base Gules, garnished Sanguine fimbriated of the second all within a diminished bordure of the like. *Motto*: E SEMPRE L'ORA—It is always the hour. Approved on 18 Feb 1943 (K 2655).



97th Air Mobility Wing

Established as 97th Bombardment Wing, Very Heavy, on 11 Sep 1947. Organized on 1 Dec 1947. Redesignated: 97th Bombardment Wing, Medium, on 12 Jul 1948; 97th Bombardment Wing, Heavy, on 1 Oct 1959; 97th Wing on 1 Sep 1991. Inactivated on 1 Apr 1992. Redesignated 97th Air Mobility Wing on 21 Aug 1992. Activated on 1 Oct 1992.

Assignments

Fifteenth Air Force, 1 Dec 1947 (attached to Yukon Sector, Alaskan Air Command, 1 Dec 1947–12 Mar 1948; 301st Bombardment Wing, Very Heavy, 17 Mar–16 May 1948); Eighth Air Force, 16 May 1948 (attached to 7th Air Division, 15 Mar–11 Jun 1952); 810th Air Division, 16 Jun 1952 (attached to 7th Air Division, 5 May–4 Jul 1956); 4th Air Division, 1 Jul 1959; 42d Air Division, 1 Jul 1963; 19th Air Division, 2 Jul 1969; 42d Air Division, 1 Jan 1970; 19th Air Division, 30 Jun 1971; 42d Air Division, 1 Jul 1973; Eighth Air Force, 16 Jun 1988–1 Apr 1992. Twenty-Second Air Force, 1 Oct 1992; Nineteenth Air Force, 1 Jul 1993–.

Components

Groups. 97th Bombardment (later, 97th Operations): 1 Dec 1947–16 Jun 1952 (detached 4 Nov 1948–15 Feb 1949 and c. 26 Jul 1950–9 Feb 1951); 1 Sep 1991–1 Apr 1992; 1 Oct 1992–. 398th Operations: 1 Oct 1992–31 Mar 1995. 401st: attached 10 Feb–25 Jun 1951.

Squadrons. 97th Air Refueling: attached 12 Jul 1950–15 Jun 1952, assigned 16 Jun 1952–1 Sep 1957 (detached c. 21 Nov–c. 20 Dec 1954, c. 31 May–10 Jul 1955, 1 May–9 Jul 1957, and 25 Aug–1 Sep 1957); assigned 23 Oct 1964–1 Sep 1991. 340th: attached 10 Feb 1951–15 Jun 1952, assigned 16 Jun 1952–1 Sep 1991 (detached 16 Dec 1953–c. 15 Mar 1954 and 24 Sep–2 Nov 1957). 341st: attached 10 Feb 1951–15 Jun 1952, assigned 16 Jun 1952–15 Feb 1960 (detached c. 15 Mar–c. 12 Jul 1954 and 12 Aug–24 Sep 1957). 342d: attached 10 Feb 1951–15 Jun 1952, assigned 16 Jun 1952–1 May 1960 (detached 10 Dec 1952–19 Mar 1953 and 1 Jul–12 Aug 1957). 914th Air Refueling: 1 Oct 1961–23 Oct 1964. 4024th: attached 1 Apr 1955–1 May 1956.

Stations

Mile 26 Air Field (later, Eielson AFB), AK, 1 Dec 1947–12 Mar 1948; Smoky Hill AFB, KS, 16 Mar 1948; Biggs AFB, TX, 22 May 1948; Blytheville (later, Eaker) AFB, AR, 1 Jul 1959–1 Apr 1992. Altus AFB, OK, 1 Oct 1992–.

Commanders

Col Jerome B. McCauley, 1 Dec 1947; Col George L. Robinson, c. 18 Mar 1948; Col Joel Q. Braddock, 6 Sep 1948; Col George L. Robinson, 25 Sep 1948; Brig Gen David W. Hutchison, 30 Dec 1948; Col Richard M. Montgomery, 13 Jul 1950; Brig Gen David W. Hutchison, 23 Jan 1951;

Col Harvey C. Dorney, 20 Feb 1951; Brig Gen John D. Ryan, 16 Jul 1951 (primary), 16 Jun 1952 (additional duty); Col Clifford F. Macomber, c. 29 Nov 1952; Brig Gen John D. Ryan, (by 24) Jan 1953 (additional duty); Col Keith K. Compton, 10 Aug 1953; Col Charles F. McKenna III, 1 Dec 1953; Col Keith K. Compton, c. 4 Feb 1954; Col Harold D. Courtney, (by Apr) 1954; Col Keith K. Compton, (by Jun) 1954; Col Willard W. Smith, 2 Jul 1954; Col Lawrence M. Thomas, 2 Mar 1956; Col Anthony J. Perna, 30 Jul 1956; Col Salvatore E. Manzo, 18 Oct 1957; Col William C. Garland, 30 Jul 1958; Col Stephen P. Dillon, 24 Nov 1958 (primary), c. 16 Jan 1959 (additional duty); Col Charles K. Nelson, Jr., 21 Jan 1959–unkn (additional duty); Col Eugene A. Stalzer, 1 Jul 1959 (additional duty); Col Ralph C. Jenkins, 13 Jul 1959; Col Eugene A. Stalzer, 21 Jul 1959 (additional duty); Col Van B. Haggard, 14 Aug 1959; Col Ralph C. Jenkins, Nov 1959; Col Richard G. Wilkinson, 5 Jun 1964; Col John W. Livingston, 1 Jul 1964; Col George H. McKee, 6 Jun 1966; Col Eugene D. Minietta, 5 Jun 1967; Col Kenneth E. Wehrman, 27 Jun 1969; Col Richard A. Bosworth, 9 Mar 1970; Col Bruce K. Brown, 1 Jul 1971; Col Thomas F. Rew, 19 Jun 1972; Col Thomas M. Mason, 6 Oct 1972; Col Thomas F. Rew, 17 Mar 1973; Col William L. Nicholson III, 12 Apr 1973; Col Rodger L. Brooks, 5 Jun 1974; Col Thomas G. Darling, 23 Jul 1975; Brig Gen Melbourne Kimsey, 10 Feb 1977; Col James P. McCarthy, 14 Sep 1978; Col Edward M. Collier, 8 Mar 1979; Col Charles W. Bond, 21 Jul 1980; Col Gordon C. Kearl, 16 Feb 1982; Col Donald J. Hallager, 29 Nov 1982; Col Stephen B. Croker, 30 Jan 1984; Col Paul M. Matthews, 24 Apr 1985; Col D. Bruce Smith, 6 Jan 1987; Col David W. McIlvoy, 8 Jun 1988; Col George I. Conlan, 18 Jul 1989; Col William J. Liquori, 24 May 1991–1 Apr 1992. Brig Gen Walter S. Hogle, Jr., 1 Oct 1992; Brig Gen Edward F. Grillo, Jr., 10 Nov 1992–.

Aircraft

B–29, 1947–1950; B–50, 1950–1955; KB–29, 1950–1956; ERB–29, 1954–1956; RB–50, 1954–1956; KC–97, 1954–1957; B–47, 1955–1959; B–52, 1960–1972, 1973–1991; KC–135, 1962–1972, 1973–1992. C–5, 1992–; KC–135, 1992–; C–141, 1992–.

Operations

Organized in Dec 1947 in Alaska from components deployed there from Kansas. Flew training missions over the Arctic Ocean. Moved to Kansas in Mar 1948 and attached to another bomb wing for further training. Reorganized from very heavy to medium bomb wing in Jul 1948, after moving to Biggs AFB, TX. Added a refueling mission in early 1950.

Sent tactical units to England, Nov 1948–Feb 1949 and Jul 1950–Feb 1951. Entire wing deployed in England, 15 Mar–11 Jun 1952, and squadrons operated from Guam, Dec 1952–Mar 1953 and Dec 1953–Jul 1954. Added electronic reconnaissance to bombardment and refueling missions in Apr 1954, using ERB–29A and RB–50G/E aircraft, with reconnaissance missions conducted from England and Japan. Relinquished the reconnaissance mission in May 1956 but continued bombardment and air refueling training to meet SAC’s global commitments, using B–47E and KC–97G aircraft. Deployed to RAF Upper Heyford, England, May–Jul 1956. This was the last full-strength wing deployment, but wing components went overseas thereafter as needed. Phased down for inactivation at Biggs AFB, TX, in Dec 1958 and became non-operational 15 Jan 1959, but moved to Blytheville (later, Eaker) AFB, AR, in Jul 1959 and was remanned and reequipped with B–52Gs in 1960. Gained KC–135As in 1961. Earned an AFOUA for activities during the Cuban missile crisis in Oct 1962. Supported SAC’s combat operations in Southeast Asia in the mid- and late-1960s and early 1970s, furnishing aircraft and crews to other organizations. By mid-1972, all of the 97th’s aircraft and more than one-fourth of its people had been loaned to USAF organizations in the Far East, Southeast Asia, and other overseas locations. A few of the wing’s KC–135s began returning in Apr 1973, but its B–52s remained on loan until Oct 1973. Thereafter, the wing resumed strategic bombardment training and worldwide air refueling operations as required by SAC. Provided air refueling for USAF units supporting the rescue of American citizens in Grenada, Oct–Nov 1983. Upgraded its B–52G force to carry the AGM–86B air-launched cruise missile (ALCM) in 1984 and won SAC’s Fairchild Trophy for excellence in bombing and navigation in 1985. In 1987, the 97th expanded its mission to include conventional bombing, sea search/ surveillance, and aerial mining; and in 1988 earned the Omaha Trophy as SAC’s outstanding wing. After the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait in Aug 1990, the 97th deployed KC–135 aircraft and maintenance personnel overseas to support forces in transit to Southwest Asia, and in Jan–Feb 1991, its B–52s flew from overseas bases to drop conventional ordnance on Iraqi forces in the Kuwaiti theater of operations. In preparation for inactivation on 1 Apr 1992, the wing relinquished its ALCMs in Mar–Apr 1991, flew its last B–52 sortie in Nov 1991, and its last tanker mission in Mar 1992. Redesignated an air mobility wing and activated at Altus AFB, OK, on 1 Oct 1992. Trained aircrews and support personnel in strategic airlift using C–5 and C–141 transports, and in aerial refueling using KC–135 tankers.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

Southwest Asia; Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Grenada, 1983.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 2 Jul–3 Nov 1957; 23 Oct–22 Nov 1962; 1 Jul 1975–30 Jun 1977; 1 Jul 1977–30 Jun 1978; 1 Jul 1978–30 Jun 1980; 1 Jul 1986–30 Jun 1988; 1 Oct 1992–30 Jun 1993.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 97th Operations Group prior to 1 Dec 1947.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater; Air Offensive, Europe; Egypt-Libya; Tunisia; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Anzio; Rome-Arno; Normandy; Northern France; Southern France; North Apennines; Rhineland; Central Europe; Po Valley; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Decorations. Distinguished Unit Citations: Steyr, Austria, 24 Feb 1944; Ploesti, Rumania, 18 Aug 1944.

Emblem

Azure, a spear, flammant proper palewise point to base Or, garnished Tenne’ (Golden Orange), highlighted Argent shaded Azure; spear tip embrued Gules, all within a diminished bordure Or. *Motto:* VENIT HORA—The hour has come. Approved for 97th Group on 5 Mar 1943 and, in modified form, for 97th Wing on 2 May 1957 (K 7777).



99th Air Base Wing

Established as 99th Bombardment Group (Heavy) on 28 Jan 1942. Activated on 1 Jun 1942. Redesignated 99th Bombardment Group, Heavy, on 30 Sep 1944. Inactivated on 8 Nov 1945. Redesignated 99th Bombardment Group, Very Heavy, on 13 May 1947. Activated in the Reserve on 29 May 1947. Inactivated on 27 Jun 1949. Consolidated (31 Jan 1984) with the 99th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, Heavy, which was established, and activated, on 1 Jan 1953. Redesignated 99th Bombardment Wing, Heavy, on 1 Oct 1955. Inactivated on 31 Mar 1974. Redesignated 99th Strategic Weapons Wing on 22 Jun 1989. Activated on 10 Aug 1989. Redesignated: 99th Tactics and Training Wing on 1 Sep 1991; 99th Wing on 15 Jun 1993; 99th Air Base Wing on 1 Oct 1995.

Assignments

Third Air Force, 1 Jun 1942; Second Air Force, c. 29 Jun 1942; 5th Bombardment Wing (later, 5th Bombardment Wing, Heavy), c. 22 Feb 1943; Army Air Forces Service Command, 2–8 Nov 1945. 19th Bombardment Wing, Very Heavy (later, 19th Air Division, Bombardment), 29 May 1947–27 Jun 1949. 57th Air Division, 1 Jan 1953 (attached to 3d Air Division, 29 Jan–25 Apr 1956); 817th Air Division, 2 Jul 1969; 45th Air Division, 30 Jun 1971–31 Mar 1974. 12th Air Division, 10 Aug 1989; Strategic Warfare Center, 31 Jul 1990; Strategic Air Command, 1 Sep 1991; USAF Fighter Weapons (later, USAF Weapons and Tactics) Center, 1 Jun 1992–.

Components

Group. 99th Operations and Maintenance (later, 99th Operations), 1 Sep 1991–21 Sep 1995.

Squadrons. 25th Strategic Training: 10 Aug 1989–1 Sep 1991. 99th Air Refueling: 1 Jan 1966–30 Sep 1973. 346th: 1 Jun 1942–8 Nov 1945; 29 May 1947–27 Jun 1949; 1 Jan 1953–31 Mar 1974. 347th: 1 Jun 1942–8 Nov 1945; 29 May 1947–27 Jun 1949; 1 Jan 1953–1 Sep 1961 (detached 1 Jan–12 Sep 1953 and 15–31 Aug 1961). 348th: 1 Jun 1942–8 Nov 1945; 17 Jul 1947–27 Jun 1949; 1 Jan 1953–30 Sep 1973. 416th: 1 Jun 1942–8 Nov 1945; 17 Jul 1947–27 Jun 1949.

Stations

Orlando AAB, FL, 1 Jun 1942; MacDill Field, FL, 1 Jun 1942; Pendleton Field, OR, 29 Jun 1942; Gowen Field, ID, 28 Aug 1942; Walla Walla, WA, 30 Sep 1942; Sioux City AAB, IA, 18 Nov 1942–3 Jan 1943; Oran, Algeria, 22 Feb 1943; Navarin, Algeria, c. 25 Mar 1943; Oudna, Tunisia, 4 Aug 1943; Tortorella Airfield, Italy, 11 Dec 1943; Marcianise, Italy, c. 27 Oct–8 Nov 1945. Birmingham Muni Aprt, AL, 29 May 1947–27 Jun 1949. Fairchild AFB, WA, 1 Jan 1953; Westover AFB, MA, 4 Sep 1956–31 Mar 1974. Ellsworth AFB, SD, 10 Aug 1989; Nellis AFB, NV, 1 Oct 1995–.

Commanders

None (not manned), 1 Jun–Sep 1942; Col Fay R. Upthegrove, c. 14 Sep 1942; Lt Col Wayne E. Thurman, 24 Nov 1943; Col Charles W. Lawrence, 19 Dec 1943; Lt Col Wayne E. Thurman, 26 Jan 1944; Col Ford J. Lauer, 15 Feb 1944; Col Trenholm J. Meyer, 14 Jul 1944; Lt Col James A. Barnett, Aug 1944; Col Ford J. Lauer, 22 Sep 1944; Col Raymond V. Schwanbeck, (by 7) Jan 1945; Lt Col Robert E. Guay, 8 Oct 1945; Maj Joseph D. Russell,

11 Oct 1945; Maj John S. Giegel, 16 Oct 1945–c. 8 Nov 1945. Unkn, 29 May 1947–27 Jun 1949. Col Salvatore E. Manzo, 1 Jan 1953; Col Edward D. Edwards, 2 Jul 1954; Col Bryson R. Bailey, 16 Apr 1955; Col John W. Gaff, Jr., 15 May 1956; Col Bryson R. Bailey, (by 10) Jul 1956; Col Selmon W. Wells, 4 Sep 1956; Col Gene F. Oholendt, 7 Oct 1956; Col Selmon W. Wells, 10 Nov 1956; Col Olbert F. Lassiter, 5 Jun 1958; Col Gordon F. Goyt, 3 Aug 1959; Col Olbert F. Lassiter, c. 9 Sep 1959; Col Delmore P. Wood, 19 Sep 1960; Col Gordon F. Goyt, 20 Sep 1960; Col Delmore P. Wood, c. 1 Nov 1960; Col Gordon F. Goyt, 8 Feb 1962; Col Edward M. Nichols, Jr., 1 Mar 1962; Col Charles V. Neil, 24 Feb 1964; Col Robert E. Brofft, 1 May 1967; Col Roy J. Sousley, Jr., c. 1 Oct 1967; Col Robert E. Brofft, c. 2 Apr 1968; Col Maxwell V. Judas, c. 22 Sep 1968; Col Robert E. Brofft, c. 21 Mar 1969; Col Harold E. Ottaway, 16 Jun 1969; Col William Wolfendon, c. 19 Mar 1970; Col Paul E. Clifford, 27 Apr 1970; Col Harold E. Ottaway, c. 23 Jun 1970; Col Alfred R. Grimm, 15 Jul 1970; Col LeRoy P. Hansen, 4 Jun 1971; Col Donald F. Ryan, 15 Jun 1972; Col Paul W. Maul, 13 Apr 1973; Col John W. Rosenbalm, 20 Aug 1973–31 Mar 1974. Col James J. McKeon, 10 Aug 1989; Col William C. Brooks, 13 Nov 1990; Col Robert C. Hinson, 16 Jul 1992–.

Aircraft

B–17, 1942–1945. AT–6, AT–7, AT–11, 1947–1949. RB–29, 1953; RB–36, 1953–1956; GRB–36, 1955–1956; B–52, 1956–1967, 1968, 1969–1970, 1970–1972; KC–135, 1966–1967, 1968, 1969–1970, 1970–1972, 1973; EC–135, 1966–1970.

Operations

After completion of training in Jan 1943, the Group deployed to North Africa and was assigned to Twelfth Air Force. The 99th flew its first combat mission on 31 Mar against an enemy airdrome at Villacidro, Sardinia. Thereafter, bombed Axis ports, airfields, viaducts and bridges, and land and water transportation networks throughout Tunisia, Sardinia, Sicily, Pantelleria, and Italy. Earned a Distinguished Unit Citation (DUC) for performance on 5 Jul 1943 when the Group helped neutralize fighter opposition prior to the invasion of Sicily by bombing key enemy airfield facilities at Gerbini. Reassigned to Fifteenth Air Force and moved to Foggia, Italy, in Nov 1943. Attacked strategic and tactical objectives in Italy, France, Germany, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Austria, Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, and Greece; assisted Allied ground forces at Anzio and Cassino, Feb–Mar 1944; and earned a second DUC for withstanding severe fighter assaults while

bombing vital aircraft production plants at Weiner Neustadt, Austria, on 23 Apr 1944. Led the first bombing-shuttle mission into Russia (Operation Frantic) in Jun 1944; participated in the pre-invasion bombing of southern France, Aug 1944; and supported the Allied offensive in the Po Valley, Apr 1945. Inactivated in Italy on 8 Nov 1945. The Group activated in the Reserve at Birmingham, AL, on 29 May 1947 and inactivated on 27 Jun 1949. The 99th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing activated on 1 Jan 1953 at Fairchild AFB, WA, replacing the 111th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing. Equipped initially with RB-29 aircraft, and then with RB-36 aircraft beginning in 1954. Performed worldwide photographic, electronic, and visual day and night strategic reconnaissance as its primary mission until late 1954, and until Sep 1956 as a secondary mission. From Jan 1955 to Feb 1956, participated in Project FICON, in which one squadron's GRB-36D bombers were modified to carry RF-84K reconnaissance fighters on long-range flights. Strategic bombing became the wing's primary mission in late 1954, but it was not redesignated a bombardment wing until Oct 1955. Deployed to Andersen AFB, Guam, Jan-Apr 1956. The wing continued to use RB-36s until Aug 1956, replacing them with B-52s after Dec 1956. In Jan 1966, the wing moved to Westover AFB, MA, and added air refueling capability to its mission. (The KC-135 tanker squadron also operated EC-135s in a Post-Attack Command Control System role until 1970.) Beginning in 1967, all wing tactical and maintenance assets, and some support resources, were rotated for various periods to USAF units engaged in Southeast Asian combat operations; these deployments continued until the wing inactivated on 31 Mar 1974. The 99th was redesignated a Strategic Weapons Wing and activated at Ellsworth AFB, SD, in Aug 1989. Conducted tactics and development evaluation, and trained combat crews in strategic bombing and electronic warfare.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Tunisia; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Anzio; Rome-Arno; Southern France; North Apennines; Po Valley; Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Sicily, 5 Jul 1943; Austria, 23 Apr 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Oct 1967–1 Mar 1968; 2 Mar–1 Apr 1968; 1 Jul 1971–30 Jun 1972; 11 Aug 1989–30 Jun 1991; 1 Jul 1991–15 Apr 1993.

Emblem

Azure, in saltire, a bend rompu arraswise Gules garnished Argent and a lightning flash Or striking from a cloud issuant from sinister chief of the third an atomic symbol in base of the like, all within a diminished bordure Or. *Motto*: CAVEANT AGGRESSORES—Let aggressors beware. Approved on 7 Feb 1958 (K 3013); replaced emblem approved on 3 Nov 1953 (157589 A.C.).



100th Air Refueling Wing

Established as 100th Bombardment Group (Heavy) on 28 Jan 1942. Activated on 1 Jun 1942. Redesignated 100th Bombardment Group, Heavy, on 20 Aug 1943. Inactivated on 21 Dec 1945. Redesignated 100th Bombardment Group, Very Heavy, on 13 May 1947. Activated in the Reserve on 29 May 1947. Inactivated on 27 Jun 1949. Consolidated (31 Jan 1984) with the 100th Bombardment Wing, Medium, which was established on 23 Mar 1953. Activated on 1 Jan 1956. Redesignated: 100th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing on 25 Jun 1966; 100th Air Refueling Wing, Heavy, on 30 Sep 1976. Inactivated on 15 Mar 1983. Redesignated 100th Air Division on 15 Jun 1990. Activated on 1 Jul 1990. Inactivated on 26 Jul 1991. Redesignated 100th Air Refueling Wing, and activated, on 1 Feb 1992.

Assignments

III Bomber Command, 1 Jun 1942; Second Air Force, 18 Jun 1942; II Bomber Command, 26 Jun 1942; 15th Bombardment (later, 15th Bombardment Training; 15th Bombardment Operational Training) Wing, 30 Nov 1942; Eighth Air Force, c. 2 Jun 1943; VIII Bomber Command, c. 4 Jun 1943; 4th Bombardment Wing, 4 Jun 1943 (attached to 402d Provisional Combat Wing Bombardment [Heavy], 6 Jun–12 Sep 1943); 3d Bombardment Division, 13 Sep 1943; 13th Combat Bombardment Wing (Heavy), 14 Sep 1943; 3d Air Division, 18 Jun 1945; 1st Air Division, 12 Aug 1945; 3d Air Division, 28 Sep 1945; VIII Fighter Command, 1 Nov–Dec 1945. 49th Bombardment Wing, Very Heavy (later, 49th Air Division, Bombardment), 29 May 1947–27 Jun 1949. Eighth Air Force, 1 Jan 1956; 817th Air Division, 1 Feb 1956 (attached to 7th Air Division, 29 Dec 1957–1 Apr 1958); 12th Strategic Aerospace Division, 25 Jun 1966; 14th Strategic Aerospace Division, 30 Jun 1971; 12th Strategic Missile (later, 12th Air) Division, 1 Aug 1972; 14th Air Division, 30 Sep 1976–15 Mar 1983. Eighth Air Force, 1 Jul 1990–26 Jul 1991. Third Air Force, 1 Feb 1992–.

Components

Wings. 351st Strategic Missile: 1 Jul 1990–26 Jul 1991. 509th Bombardment: 30 Sep 1990–26 Jul 1991.

Group. 100th Operations: 1 Feb 1992–.

Squadrons. 9th Air Refueling: 30 Sep 1976–27 Jan 1982. 99th Strategic Reconnaissance: 1 Nov 1972–30 Jun 1976. 100th Air Refueling: 16 Aug 1956–25 Jun 1966. 349th: 1 Jun 1942–1 Dec 1945; 29 May 1947–27 Jun 1949; 1 Jan 1956–15 Mar 1983. 350th: 1 Jun 1942–15 Dec 1945; 16 Jul 1947–27 Jun 1949; 1 Jan 1956–1 Jul 1976 (detached 4 Mar–c. 4 Apr 1958); 28 Jan 1982–15 Mar 1983. 351st: 1 Jun 1942–15 Dec 1945; 17 Jul 1947–27 Jun 1949; 1 Jan 1956–25 Jun 1966; 31 Mar 1992–. 418th: 1 Jun 1942–19 Dec 1945; 29 May 1947–27 Jun 1949; 1 Mar 1959–1 Jan 1962. 509th Air Refueling: attached 8 Apr–8 Jul 1958.

Stations

Orlando AAB, FL, 1 Jun 1942; Barksdale Field, LA, 18 Jun 1942; Pendleton Field, OR, 26 Jun 1942; Gowen Field, ID, 28 Aug 1942, Walla Walla AAB, WA, 1 Nov 1942; Wendover Field, UT, 30 Nov 1942; Sioux City AAB, IA, c. 1 Jan 1943; Kearney AAFld, NE, 3 Feb – May 1943; Thorpe Abbots, England, 9 Jun 1943–12 Dec 1945; Camp Kilmer, NJ, 20–21 Dec 1945. Miami AAFld, FL, 29 May 1947–27 Jun 1949. Portsmouth (later, Pease)

AFB, NH, 1 Jan 1956; Davis–Monthan AFB, AZ, 25 Jun 1966; Beale AFB, CA, 30 Sep 1976–15 Mar 1983. Whiteman AFB, MO, 1 Jul 1990–26 Jul 1991. RAF Mildenhall, England, 1 Feb 1992–.

Commanders

Unkn, 1 Jun–Nov 1942; Col Darr H. Alkire, c. 14 Nov 1942; Col Howard M. Turner, c. 26 Apr 1943; Col Harold Q. Huglin, Jun 1943; Col Neil B. Harding, 1 Jul 1943; Lt Col John M. Bennett, Jr., c. 30 Mar 1944 (acting); Col Robert H. Kelly, 19 Apr 1944; Lt Col John M. Bennett, Jr., 28 Apr 1944 (acting); Col Thomas S. Jeffery, Jr., 7 May 1944; Col Frederick J. Sutterlin, 2 Feb 1945; Lt Col John B. Wallace, 23 Jun 1945–unkn (at least through Sep 1945). Unkn, 29 May 1947–27 Jun 1949. Col James W. Chapman, Jr., 1 Jan 1956; Brig Gen Walter E. Arnold, 25 Apr 1956; Col Ariel W. Nielsen, 4 Aug 1956; Col Gordon F. Goyt, 1 Sep 1957; Col Charles L. Wimberly, 23 Oct 1957; Col Winton R. Close, 15 Nov 1957; Col Charles L. Wimberly, 1 Apr 1958; Col Winton R. Close, 26 May 1958; Col Roland W. Bergamy, 29 Jun 1959; Col Delmore P. Wood, 23 Jul 1959; Col Richard D. Reinbold, 16 Sep 1960; Col Wallace Wall, Jr., 2 Jul 1962; Col Raymond E. Buckwalter, 8 Jul 1965; Col James S. Howard, 21 Sep 1965; unkn, c. 1 Apr–24 Jun 1966; Col William D. Kyle, Jr., 25 Jun 1966; Col Marion C. Nixon, 15 Aug 1966; Col Raymond L. Haupt, 31 Jul 1970; Col Donald S. White, 29 Jun 1972; Col Charles B. Stratton, 7 May 1974; Col Lyman M. Kidder, 11 Jul 1976; Col John J. Tobin, 30 Sep 1976; Col Robert D. Beckel, 4 Jan 1978; Col Stanley O. Klepper, 10 Aug 1978; Col Lawrence F. McNeil, 18 Jun 1980; Col William G. Dolan, Jr., 19 Feb 1981; Col Anthony L. St. Amant, 22 Apr 1982–15 Mar 1983. Col Thomas E. Kuenning, Jr., 1 Jul 1990; Col John J. Politi, 4 Jan–26 Jul 1991. Col Jonas L. Blank, Jr., 1 Feb 1992; Col David E. Pope, 30 Nov 1992–.

Aircraft

B–17, 1942–1945. Unkn, 1947–1949. B–47, 1956–1966; KC–97, 1956–1965; U–2, 1966–1976; WU–2, 1966–c. 1969; DC–130, 1966–1976; CH–3, 1966–1976; Q–147 (later, AQM–34) drone, c. 1966–1976; KC–135, 1976–1983. Minuteman II, 1990–1991. KC–135, 1992–.

Operations

Trained with B–17s until moved to England, May–Jun 1943, as a strategic bombardment organization. Flew its first combat mission for Eighth Air Force on 25 Jun 1943. From then to Jan 1944, concentrated efforts against airfields in France and naval facilities and industries in France and Germany.

Received a DUC for seriously disrupting German fighter aircraft production with an attack on an aircraft factory at Regensburg on 17 Aug 1943. Bombed airfields, industries, marshalling yards and missile sites in western Europe, Jan–May 1944. Participated in the Allied campaign against enemy aircraft factories during Big Week, 20–25 Feb 1944. Completed a series of attacks against Berlin in Mar 1944 and received a second DUC for these missions. Beginning in the summer of 1944, oil installations became major targets. In addition to strategic operations, the group engaged in support and interdiction missions, hitting bridges and gun positions in support of the Normandy invasion in Jun 1944; bombing enemy positions at St Lo in Jul and at Brest in Aug and Sep; striking transportation and ground defenses in the drive against the Siegfried Line, Oct–Dec 1944; attacking marshalling yards, defended villages, and communications targets in the Ardennes sector during the Battle of the Bulge, Dec 1944–Jan 1945; and covering the airborne assault across the Rhine in Mar 1945. Received the French Croix de Guerre with Palm for attacking heavily defended installations in Germany and for dropping supplies to French Forces of the Interior, Jun–Dec 1944. Group's last combat mission was on 20 Apr 1945. In May dropped food to the people of Holland and in Jun transported French Allied former prisoners of war from Austria to France. Returned to the US in Dec 1945 and inactivated at Camp Kilmer, NJ, on 21 Dec 1945. Assigned to the Reserves May 1947–Jun 1949. Performed global strategic bombardment training, Apr 1956–Feb 1966, and global air refueling, Aug 1956–Dec 1965. Deployed at Brize Norton RAF Station, England, Dec 1957–Apr 1958. Not operational, 1 Apr–24 Jun 1966. Moved without personnel or equipment to Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ, in Jun 1966 and absorbed resources of the 4080th Strategic Wing. Performed global strategic reconnaissance with U-2 and drone aircraft, Jun 1956–1976, using one overseas-based squadron (99th SRS), and deployed operating locations as needed, 1972–1976. Earned the P.T. Cullen Award as the reconnaissance unit that contributed most to the photo and signal intelligence efforts of SAC, 1972. Transferred drone operations and associated DC-130 launchers and CH-3 recoverers to TAC in mid-1976, and transferred U-2 resources to 9th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing at Beale AFB, CA, Jul–Sep 1976. Not operational, 11 Aug–29 Sep 1976, while phasing down at Davis-Monthan AFB. Moved without personnel or equipment to Beale AFB on 30 Sep 1976 and absorbed resources of the 17th Bombardment Wing, Heavy. Operated Beale AFB, and provided KC-135Q refueling support to USAF strategic and tactical forces, worldwide, Sep 1976–Mar 1983. Transferred its resources to the 9th SRW

and inactivated on 15 Mar 1983. Activated as the 100th Air Division at Whiteman AFB, MO, on 15 Jun 1990, assuming host unit responsibilities and supporting the 351st SMW, which was responsible for Minuteman II missile operations, and the 509th BMW (not operational). Inactivated in Jul 1991. Upon activation as an Air Refueling Wing on 1 Feb 1992, became host unit at RAF Mildenhall; deployed aircraft for and managed the European Tanker Task Force, a rotational force that provided air refueling to US and NATO aircraft in the European Theater.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguish Unit Citations: Germany, 17 Aug 1943; Berlin, 4, 6, 8 Mar 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat "V" Device: 1 Jul 1972–30 Jun 1973. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award: 1 Jul 1968–30 Jun 1970. French Croix De Guerre with Palm: 25 Jun–31 Dec 1944.

Emblem

Gray, a base nebuly Azure bearing in fess arched reversed six mullets Argent supporting nine billets in chevron Sable and thereon two lions respectant Or langued Gules grasping a palm branch bend sinisterwise Vert and a lightning flash bendwise of the sixth, all within a diminished bordure Yellow. *Motto*: PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH. Approved on 22 Nov 1957 (K 3078).



305th Air Mobility Wing

Established as 305th Bombardment Wing, Medium, on 20 Dec 1950. Activated on 2 Jan 1951. Redesignated: 305th Air Refueling Wing on 1 Jan 1970; 305th Air Refueling Wing, Heavy, on 1 Feb 1978; 305th Air Refueling Wing on 1 Sep 1991; 305th Air Mobility Wing on 1 Oct 1994.

Assignments

Second Air Force, 2 Jan 1951; 6th Air Division, 10 Feb 1951 (attached to 7th Air Division, 4 Sep–5 Dec 1953; 5th Air Division, 3 Nov 1955–8 Jan 1956 and 7 Jan–8 Mar 1957); Second Air Force, 1 Jun 1959; 17th Air Division, 15 Jul 1959; 19th Air Division, 1 Jan 1961; 825th Strategic Aerospace Division, 1 Sep 1964; 42d Air Division, 1 Jan 1970; 40th Air Division, 1 Jul 1973; 42d Air Division, 1 Dec 1982; Eighth Air Force, 16 Jun 1988; Fifteenth Air Force, 1 Sep 1991; Twenty-First Air Force, 1 Jul 1993–.

Components

Groups. 305th Bombardment (later, 305th Operations): 2 Jan 1951–16 Jun 1952; 1 Sep 1991–15 Oct 1993; 1 Oct 1994–. 458th Operations: 1 Oct 1994–1 Jul 1995.

Squadrons. 3d Airborne Command and Control: 1 Apr 1970–31 Dec 1975. 68th Air Refueling: 1 Jun 1959–25 Mar 1965. 70th: 1 Jan 1970–1 Sep 1991. 305th Air Refueling: attached 2 Jul 1951–15 Jun 1952, assigned 16 Jun 1952–1 May 1959 (detached 4 Jan–c. 16 Apr 1955); assigned 25 Mar 1965–1 Sep 1991. 364th: attached 10 Feb 1951–15 Jun 1952, assigned 16 Jun 1952–1 Jan 1970. 365th: attached 10 Feb 1951–15 Jun 1952, assigned 16 Jun 1952–1 Jan 1970. 366th: attached 10 Feb 1951–15 Jun 1952, assigned 16 Jun 1952–1 Jan 1970. 422d: 1 Jan–1 Oct 1959; 8 Mar 1960–15 Feb 1961.

Stations

MacDill AFB, FL, 2 Jan 1951; Bunker Hill (later, Grissom) AFB, IN, 1 Jun 1959; McGuire AFB, NJ, 1 Oct 1994–.

Commanders

Col Elliott Vandevanter, Jr., 2 Jan 1951; Col James F. Wilson, 17 Jul 1954; Col Frank A. Kurtz, 14 Feb 1956; Col Julian M. Bleyer, 27 Jun 1956; Col Frank L. O'Brien, Jr., 24 Feb 1958; Brig Gen Paul K. Carlton, 18 Nov 1963; Brig Gen Gerald W. Johnson, 1 Jul 1965; Col Howard J. Fry, 1 Jul 1966; Col Frank L. Voightmann, 24 Jul 1967; Col Hugh B. Robertson, Jr., 15 Jul 1968; Col William T. Gentry, 9 Feb 1970; Col George L. Miller, 5 Jun 1972; Col Robert L. Nicholl, 10 May 1973; Col Walter B. Ratliff, 20 Jun 1974; Col Jerome R. Barnes, Jr., 11 Feb 1975; Col Lyman E. Buzard, 14 May 1976; Col Donald K. Winston, 5 Aug 1977; Col Richard S. Wallace, 6 Apr 1979; Col Lawrence F. McNeil, 26 Feb 1981; Col John R. Farrington, 1 Jun 1982; Col Norman R. Butler, 5 Oct 1984; Col Howard L. Kravetz, 5 Feb 1985; Col

Gary R. Ebert, 15 Jan 1987; Col Robert G. Stampfli, 8 Feb 1988; Col Russell W. Fitch, Jr., 22 Jun 1989; Col Russell A. Rinklin, Jr., 22 Jan 1991; Col Marc L. Drinkhahn, 31 May 1992–.

Aircraft

B–29, 1951–1953; KC–97, 1951–1959; B–47, 1952–1961; RB–47, 1958; KC–135, 1959–; B/TB–58, 1961–1970; EC–135, 1966–1992.

Operations

Established at MacDill AFB, FL, during the Korean War. Conducted strategic bombardment training, Feb 1951–Feb 1953. Added a refueling mission in Jul 1951. Converted to B–47s in late 1952. Deployed overseas three times, once to England (Sep–Dec 1953) and twice to North Africa (Nov 1955–Jan 1956 and Jan–Mar 1957), in keeping with its mission of global bombardment and air refueling operations. Two wing B–47s set speed records on 28 Jul 1953 when one flew from Goose Bay, Labrador, to Fairford RAF Station, England, in 4:14 hours and the other flew from Limestone AFB, ME, to Fairford RAF Station in 4:45 hours. Moved to Indiana in Jun 1959 and assumed responsibility for operating Bunker Hill (later, Grissom) AFB, IN. Converted from KC–97 to KC–135 tankers in 1959 and from B–47 to B/TB–58 bombers in 1961, continuing its global bombardment and refueling mission. A wing B–58 set a new speed record on 16 Oct 1963 by flying from Tokyo, Japan, to London, England (via Alaska and Greenland), in 8:35 hours at an average speed of 938 mph. The wing operated a B–58 combat crew training school, Aug 1965–Dec 1969, and gained an EC–135 post-attack command control system (PACCS) mission in mid-1966. The 305th lost all of its bombardment units in Jan 1970 and thereafter concentrated on air refueling and PACCS support. From the early 1970s, supported worldwide tanker task forces by deploying KC–135 aircraft to Europe, Alaska, Greenland, and the Pacific. Provided tanker refueling support to units involved in the invasion of Grenada (Oct 1983) and the restoration of democracy in Panama (Dec 1989). From Aug 1990 to Jun 1991 deployed personnel and aircraft to provide refueling support for air operations to and in Southwest Asia. Wing also delivered food to the Kurds in Northern Iraq, Apr–May 1991. Lost its PACCS EC–135 mission in May 1992, as Grissom AFB began drawdown for closure in 1994.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Grenada, 1983.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jan–1954–1 Mar 1957; 1 Jul 1972–30 Jun 1973; 1 Jul 1973–30 Jun 1974; 1 Jul 1975–30 Jun 1977; 1 Jul 1979–30 Jun 1980; 1 Jun 1990–31 May 1992.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 305th Operations Group prior to 2 Jan 1951.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. World War II: Air Offensive, Europe, Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Decorations. Distinguished Unit Citations: France, 4 Apr 1943; Germany, 11 Jan 1944.

Emblem

Azure, a dexter gauntlet bendwise Argent (Silver Gray) winged Or grasping a sheaf of three arrows of the like, all within a diminished bordure of the last. Approved on 15 Jun 1994; replaced emblems approved on 13 Apr 1978 (KE 66596); 24 Mar 1970 (KE 36036); and 4 Mar 1958 (42164 AC).



314th Airlift Wing

Established as 314th Troop Carrier Wing, Medium, on 4 Oct 1948. Activated on 1 Nov 1948. Redesignated: 314th Troop Carrier Wing on 1 Jan 1967; 314th Tactical Airlift Wing on 1 Aug 1967; 314th Airlift Wing on 1 Dec 1991.

Assignments

Ninth Air Force, 1 Nov 1948; Fourteenth Air Force, 1 Feb 1949; Tactical Air Command, 1 Aug 1950; Eighteenth Air Force (Troop Carrier) (later, Eighteenth Air Force), 1 Jun 1951; Ninth Air Force, 1 Sep 1957; 839th Air Division, 8 Oct 1957 (attached to 315th Air Division [Combat Cargo], 22–26 Jan 1966); 315th Air Division (Combat Cargo) (later, 315th Air Division), 27 Jan 1966; 327th Air Division, 1 Nov 1968; Twelfth Air Force, 31 May 1971; 834th Air Division, 15 Mar 1972; Twenty-Second Air Force, 31 Dec 1974; Fifteenth Air Force, 1 Jul 1993; Eighth Air Force, 1 Oct 1993–.

Components

Groups. 34th Tactical Airlift Training: 15 Sep 1978–1 Dec 1991. 309th: attached 26 Jun 1949–20 Feb 1951. 313th: attached 1 Oct 1953–8 Jun 1955. 314th Troop Carrier (later, 314th Tactical Airlift; 314th Operations): 1 Nov 1948–8 Oct 1957 (detached 27 Aug 1950–14 Nov 1954); 15 Sep 1978–15 Jun 1980; 1 Dec 1991–. 316th: attached 4 Nov 1949–14 Nov 1954. 513th: attached 8 Nov 1955–8 Oct 1957. 516th: attached 8 Mar 1955–9 Jul 1956.

Squadrons. 5th Liaison: attached 8 Sep 1952–22 Mar 1953. 16th Tactical Airlift Training: 1 Aug 1971–1 Nov 1978. 18th: 1 Jul 1963–1 Apr 1965 (detached Oct 1964–Jan 1965). 20th Helicopter: attached 9 Jul 1956–17 Jul 1959. 21st Helicopter: attached 30 Jun–c. 8 Oct 1957. 23d Helicopter: attached 9 Jul–c. 12 Oct 1956. 24th Helicopter: attached 9 Jul–c. 25 Sep 1956. 32d: 1 Sep 1973–1 Nov 1978 (detached 5 Nov 1973–16 Jan 1974, 3 Feb–16 Apr 1975, 3 Sep–14 Nov 1975, 3 Jun–14 Aug 1976, 13 Feb–13 Apr 1977, 9 Sep–14 Nov 1977). 48th: 6 Aug–1 Sep 1973. 50th: 8 Oct 1957–26 Dec 1965 (detached 29 Aug–c. 20 Dec 1958, 27 Mar–c. 15 Aug 1961, May–Jul 1965); 23 Feb 1966–31 May 1971; 15 Aug 1973–1 Nov 1978 (detached 1 Jun–18 Aug 1974, 25 Apr–7 Jun 1975, 3 Dec 1975–18 Feb 1976, 4 Sep–13 Nov 1976, 4 Apr–14 Jun 1977; 14 Jan–14 Mar 1978); 15 Jun 1980–1 Dec 1991 (detached 5 Dec 1980–12 Feb 1981; 5 Jun–14 Aug 1982; 4 Oct–14 Dec 1983; 2 Jun–14 Aug 1985; 3 Aug–16 Oct 1986; 5 Oct–16 Dec 1987; 3 Dec 1988–15 Feb 1989). 61st: 8 Oct 1957–1 Dec 1965 (detached 19 Mar–5 Oct 1959, 7 Jan–20 Feb 1960, Jan–Mar 1965); 31 May 1971–1 Nov 1978 (detached 13 May–8 Sep 1972, 3 Jan–17 Mar 1973, 12 Jun–16 Aug 1973, 3 Oct–16 Dec 1974, 4 Jun–17 Aug 1975, 5 Mar–17 May 1976, 3 Dec 1976–13 Feb 1977, 5 Jul–9 Sep 1977; 13 Jul–13 Sep 1978); 15 Jun 1980–1 Dec 1991 (detached 5 Apr–12 Jun 1980; 4 Dec 1982–15 Feb 1983; 8 Aug–10 Oct 1984; 1 Dec 1985–12 Feb 1986; 1 Feb–15 Apr 1987; 3 Apr–15 Jun 1988; 27 Dec 1990–12 May 1991). 62d: 8 Oct 1957–1 Dec 1965

(detached 6 Jun–Aug 1961, 19 May–29 Jul 1962, 5 Aug–Oct 1964, Mar–May 1965); 31 May 1971–1 Nov 1978 (detached 31 May–13 Jun 1971). 345th: attached 12 Nov 1958–1 Jun 1962; assigned 25 Mar 1966–31 May 1971. 346th: 15 Mar 1969–31 May 1971. 664th: attached 16 Dec 1952–8 Mar 1955. 776th: 25 Mar 1966–31 May 1971. 2601st Assault: attached 1 Oct–12 Dec 1949. Troop Carrier Squadron Provisional, 4418th: attached 15 May–1 Jul 1963.

Stations

Smyrna (later, Sewart) AFB, TN, 1 Nov 1948–c. 15 Jan 1966; Kung Kuan (later, Ching Chuan Kang) AB, Taiwan, 22 Jan 1966–31 May 1971; Little Rock AFB, AR, 31 May 1971–.

Commanders

Col Hoyt L. Prindle, 1 Nov 1948; Col Norton H. Van Sicklen, 31 Aug 1950; Col Hoyt L. Prindle, 28 Dec 1950; Col Norton H. Van Sicklen, 1 Jun 1952; Col William H. DeLacey, 2 Jul 1952; Col Hoyt L. Prindle, 23 Aug 1952; Col Marvin L. McNickle, 6 Jul 1954; Col William Lewis, Jr., 1 Jul 1956; Col Adriel N. Williams, 21 Jul 1956; Col Charles W. Howe, 1 Aug 1957; Col John T. Hylton, Jr., 8 Oct 1957; Lt Col William F. Kelleher, 30 May 1958; Col Daniel F. Tatum, 16 Jul 1958; Col George M. Foster, 16 Jul 1960; Col William H. DeLacey, 17 Aug 1960; Col William G. Moore, Jr., 13 Aug 1962; Col Arthur C. Rush, 1 Sep 1963; Col Paul A. Jones, 14 Feb 1967; Col Lyle D. Lutton, 12 Mar 1968; Col Albert W. Jones, 12 Oct 1968; Col William T. Phillips, 15 Jul 1970; Col Ray C. Staley, 22 Jan 1971; Col Andrew P. Iosue, 15 May 1971; Col Richard J. Gibney, 31 May 1971; Col Richard T. Drury, 31 Jul 1972; Col Frank W. Janssen, 14 May 1973; Brig Gen Eugene W. Gauch, Jr., 18 Oct 1973 (additional duty); Col Robert F. Coverdale, 3 Nov 1973; Col John E. Davis, 16 Jul 1974; Brig Gen Russell E. Mohny, 19 Jan 1976; Col Donald M. Nagel, 1 Aug 1977; Brig Gen Alfred G. Hansen, 16 Oct 1978; Col Dan W. Freeman, 17 Jul 1981; Col William A. Kehler, 25 Jul 1983; Col Floyd E. Hargrove, 11 Apr 1985; Col Charles C. Barnhill, Jr., 26 Mar 1986; Col Donald E. Loranger, Jr., 4 May 1988; Col Albert R. Hart, 3 Nov 1989; Col Charles J. Wax, 30 Sep 1991–.

Aircraft

C–82, 1948–1949, 1949–1951; C–47, 1948–1949, 1949–1953; CG–15 (glider), 1949–1951; YG–18 (glider), 1949–1951; C–119, 1949–1951; C–45, 1949–1951, 1954–1955; TC–46, 1950; YC–122, 1950–1954; YH–12, 1951; H–19, 1952–1955; C–46, 1952; L–5, 1952–1953; L–16, 1952–1953; L–20,

1952–1953, 1954; H–21, 1955–1959; C–123, 1956–1957, 1958–1961; C–130, 1956–; DC–130, 1979–1981.

Operations

From activation until Dec 1965, served as a primary troop carrier unit in the eastern United States, involved in joint airborne training with Army forces, developed assault airlift operations, and participated in aerial demonstrations, exercises, maneuvers, and joint operations. Wing operations extended worldwide. From Jan 1966 to May 1971, operated from Taiwan to provide passenger and cargo airlift throughout the Far East and combat airlift in Southeast Asia. Returned to the US in May 1971, acquired the assets of the inactivated 64th Tactical Airlift Wing and incurred host organization responsibilities of Little Rock AFB, AR. Operated C–130 training schools, providing classroom instruction and flying training to all branches of the US military and allied nations. Served as tactical airlift wing involved in worldwide airborne training, airlift, and special operations including deployments in support of the Commander-in-Chief, United States Air Forces in Europe. Provided joint airborne communications center and command post support for the United States Readiness Command. Provided Joint Airborne Communications Center/Command Post equipment in support of the rescue of US nationals in Grenada, Oct 1983, and airlift support during the intervention in Panama Dec 1989–Jan 1990. Conducted airlift control support in addition to airlift of troops and equipment to the Middle East in support of the liberation of Kuwait, Aug 1990–Mar 1991. Conducted numerous disaster relief and humanitarian support missions including airdrop of US Army Troops; humanitarian aid; emergency supplies; and medical evacuations in addition to airlifting passengers and equipment.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Grenada, 1983; Panama, 1989–1990.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat “V” Device: 1 Nov 1967–31 Dec 1969. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 11 Jan–14 Feb 1955;

1 Jan 1960–31 Dec 1961; 1 Jan 1975–30 Jun 1976; 1 Jun 1985–31 May 1986; 1 Jul 1991–30 Jun 1993.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display the honors earned by the 314th Operations Group prior to 1 Nov 1948.

Service Streamers. World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers. World War II: Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Rome-Arno; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Central Europe.

Decorations. Distinguished Unit Citations: Sicily, 11 Jul 1943; France, [6–7] Jun 1944.

Emblem

Azure, on a pale Or a sword palewise point to base Argent, grip Vert, between in dexter base a parachute and another in sinister chief White; all within a diminished bordure Yellow. Approved on 13 Feb 1995 (HRA 94–140); replaced emblem approved on 17 Jun 1954 (K8386).



319th Air Refueling Wing

Established as 319th Bombardment Wing, Light, on 10 May 1949. Activated in the Reserve on 27 Jun 1949. Inactivated on 2 Sep 1949. Activated in the Reserve on 10 Oct 1949. Ordered to active service on 10 Mar 1951. Inactivated on 28 Mar 1951. Redesignated 319th Fighter-Bomber Wing on 12 Apr 1955. Activated in the Reserve on 18 May 1955. Inactivated on 16 Nov 1957. Redesignated 319th Bombardment Wing, Heavy, and activated, on 15 Nov 1962. Organized on 1 Feb 1963. Redesignated: 319th Wing on 1 Sep 1991; 319th Bomb Wing on 1 Jun 1992; 319th Air Refueling Wing on 1 Oct 1993.

Assignments

Ninth Air Force, 27 Jun–2 Sep 1949. Fourteenth Air Force, 10 Oct 1949–28 Mar 1951. Fourteenth Air Force, 18 May 1955–16 Nov 1957. Strategic Air Command, 15 Nov 1962; 810th Strategic Aerospace Division, 1 Feb 1963; 4th Strategic Aerospace Division, 1 Sep 1964; 47th Air Division, 30 Jun 1971; 4th Strategic Missile (later, 4th Air) Division, 15 Jan 1973; 57th Air Division, 22 Jan 1975; 4th Air Division, 1 May 1982; 57th Air Division, 23 Jan 1987; 42d Air Division, 16 Jun 1988; Eighth Air Force, 9 Jul 1991; Twenty-First Air Force, 1 Oct 1993–.

Components

Group. 319th Bombardment (later, 319th Fighter-Bomber; 319th Operations): 27 Jun–2 Sep 1949; 10 Oct 1949–22 Mar 1951; 18 May 1955–16 Nov 1957; 1 Sep 1991–.

Squadrons. 46th: 1 Feb 1963–1 Sep 1991. 905th Air Refueling: 1 Feb 1963–1 Sep 1991.

Stations

Reading Muni Aprt, PA, 27 Jun–2 Sep 1949. Birmingham Muni Aprt, AL, 10 Oct 1949–28 Mar 1951. Memphis Muni Aprt, TN, 18 May 1955–16 Nov 1957. Grand Forks AFB, ND, 1 Feb 1963–.

Commanders

None (not manned), 27 Jun–2 Sep 1949. Brig Gen Henry L. Badham, Jr., 10 Oct 1949; Col Wilson R. Wood, c. 14–c. 28 Mar 1951. Brig Gen William F. Fry, c. 18 May 1955; Lt Col Van D. Dowda, 2 Apr 1956; Col William J. Johnson, Jr., 5 Jul 1956–1957. None (not manned), 15 Nov 1962–31 Jan 1963; Col Allen B. Rowlett, 1 Feb 1963; Col Pete C. Sianus, 23 Sep 1963; Col Robert J. Ray, 2 Mar 1965; Col George H. McKee, 14 Apr 1965; Col William H. Cooper, 18 May 1966; Col Keith A. Whitaker, 1 Jun 1967; Col Lawrence W. Steinkraus, 20 Jan 1968; Col Samuel G. Taylor, Jr., 4 Aug 1968; Col Robert C. Glenn, 4 Aug 1970; Col Lee R. Senter, 17 Jun 1971; Col George D. Moore, Jr., 9 May 1973; Col Burr V. Miller, Jr., 24 May 1974; Col Donald D. Johnson, Jr., 6 May 1975; Col John A. Brashear, 4 Apr 1977; Brig Gen Walter H. Poore, 23 Aug 1978; Col Wayne O. Jefferson, Jr., 20 May 1980; Col Paul A. Maye, 12 Aug 1981; Col John S. Fairfield, 8 Jul 1982; Col Charles G. Kucera, 16 Feb 1984; Col John T. Jaeckle, 29 May 1985; Col Jerrold P. Allen, 22 Jan 1987; Col Robert Muldrow, 10 May 1988; Col Howard L. Lomax, 31 May 1989; Col Joseph C. Kinego, 20 Nov 1990; Brig Gen David W. McIlvoy, 25 Nov 1991–.

Aircraft

T–6, 1949–1951; T–7, 1949–1951; T–11, 1949–1951; B–26, 1949–1951. T–33, 1955–1957; F–84, 1955–1957; F–86, 1957. B–52, 1963–1986; KC–135, 1963–; B–1, 1987–.

Operations

Replaced 514th Troop Carrier Wing in Oct 1949. Performed Reserve training until ordered to active service in Mar 1951, when wing personnel were used to fill other USAF units. Replaced 8710th Pilot Training Wing in May 1955. Performed Reserve training and, from Jul 1956 through Aug 1957, maintained two F–84s on “runway alert” at Memphis Municipal Airport under operational control of 20th Air Division, Air Defense Command. Replaced by 445th Troop Carrier Wing in Nov 1957. Replaced 4133d Strategic Wing in Feb 1963. Conducted global bombardment training and air refueling operations to meet SAC commitments. Presented the Omaha Trophy as the outstanding wing in SAC for 1978. Participated in SAC program to test admission of females to inflight refueling career field, Jan–Dec 1979. Converted from B–52 to B–1 bombers, 1986–1987. Flew training missions with conventional and nuclear configurations. Tanker crews assisted in air refueling efforts during the invasion of Panama, Dec 1989. Deployed tankers to Oman, Egypt, and Saudi Arabia to provide air refueling and cargo missions in Southwest Asia, Aug 1990–Apr 1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award: 1 Jul 1977–30 Jun 1979.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 319th Operations Group prior to 27 Jun 1949.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. World War II: Algeria-French Morocco; Tunisia; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Anzio; Rome-Arno; Southern France; North Apennines; Air Combat, EAME Theater; Air Offensive, Japan; Ryukyus; China Offensive.

Decorations. Distinguished Unit Citations: Rome, Italy, 3 Mar 1944; Florence, Italy, 11 Mar 1944. French Croix de Guerre with Palm: Apr, May and Jun 1944.

Emblem

Azure, a dexter mailed fist bendwise erased Gray, grasping a torch in pale of the like, enflamed proper, charged with a flight symbol ascending palewise Argent edged Sable, all within a diminished bordure Or.



325th Fighter Wing

Established as 325th Fighter Wing, All Weather, on 10 May 1948. Activated on 9 Jun 1948. Redesignated: 325th Fighter-All Weather Wing on 20 Jan 1950; 325th Fighter-Interceptor Wing on 1 May 1951. Inactivated on 6 Feb 1952. Redesignated 325th Fighter Wing (Air Defense) on 14 Sep 1956. Activated on 18 Oct 1956. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 1 Jul 1968. Redesignated 325th Fighter Weapons Wing on 17 Jun 1981. Activated on 1 Jul 1981. Redesignated: 325th Tactical Training Wing on 15 Oct 1983; 325th Fighter Wing on 1 Oct 1991.

Assignments

Fourth Air Force, 9 Jun 1948 (attached to Western Air Defense Force, 10 Nov 1949–31 Jul 1950); Western Air Defense Force, 1 Aug 1950–6 Feb 1952. 25th Air Division (Defense) (later, 25th Air Division [SAGE]), 18 Oct 1956; Seattle Air Defense Sector, 10 Feb 1960; 25th Air Division, 1 Apr 1966–1 Jul 1968. USAF Air Defense Weapons Center, 1 Jul 1981; First Air Force, 12 Sep 1991; Nineteenth Air Force, 1 Jul 1993–.

Components

Wing. 302d Troop Carrier: attached 6 May 1950–8 Jun 1951.

Groups. 325th Fighter (later, 325th Operations): 9 Jun 1948–6 Feb 1952; 18 Oct 1956–25 Mar 1960; 1 Sep 1991–.

Squadrons. 1st Tactical Fighter Training: 1 Jan 1984–1 Sep 1991. 2d Fighter-Interceptor Training (later, 2d Fighter Weapons; 2d Tactical Fighter Training): 1 Jul 1981–1 Sep 1991. 4th Troop Carrier: attached 1 May–17 Jul 1950. 82d Tactical Aerial Target (later, 82d Tactical Aerial Targets): 1 Jul 1981–15 Oct 1983. 95th Fighter Interceptor Training (later, 95th Tactical Fighter Training): 1 Jul 1981–1 Sep 1991. 123d: attached 1 Feb 1951–6 Feb 1952. 317th Fighter-Interceptor: attached 18 Oct 1956–c. Jun 1957. 318th Fighter-Interceptor: attached 18 Oct 1956–c. Jun 1957; assigned 25 Mar 1960–1 Jul 1968. 460th Fighter-Interceptor Training: 15 Jan–15 Oct 1982. 475th Test: 1 Jul 1981–15 Oct 1983. 498th Fighter-Interceptor: attached 18 Oct 1956–c. Jun 1957; 1 Jul 1963–25 Jun 1966. 4756th Air Defense: 1 Jul 1981–15 Oct 1983.

School. USAF Interceptor Weapons: 1 Jul 1981–15 Oct 1983.

Stations

Hamilton AFB, CA, 9 Jun 1948; Moses Lake AFB, WA, 23 Nov 1948; McChord AFB, WA, 20 Apr 1950–6 Feb 1952. McChord AFB, WA, 18 Oct 1956–1 Jul 1968. Tyndall AFB, FL, 1 Jul 1981–.

Commanders

Col George L. Usher, 9 Jun 1948–unkn; Col Harold E. Kofahl, (by Nov) 1948; Col Thomas A. Bennett, 26 Jul 1949; Col Phillip E. Tukey, Jr., 14 Nov 1951; Col Thomas A. Bennett, 26 Nov 1951–6 Feb 1952. Col Henry L. Crouch, Jr., 18 Oct 1956–unkn; Col James C. Stewart, (by Jun) 1957; Col Vernone L. Stintzi, 10 Jul 1957; Col Henry S. Tyler, Jr., 6 Jun 1958; Col Charles W. King, 8 Jul 1958; Col James F. Reed, 15 Feb 1960; Col Donavon F. Smith, 5 Dec 1960; Col Jack E. McKee, Jul 1962; Col Dean Davenport, 28 Jul 1962; Col Louis W. Ford, 3 Aug 1965; Col Harry L. Downing, 21 Oct

1966–1 Jul 1968. Col John E. Jaquish, 1 Jul 1981; Col Jerry E. Smith, 18 Apr 1983; Col H. Hale Burr, Jr., 9 Apr 1985; Col Richard B. Myers, 3 Sep 1986; Col Arnold R. Thomas, Jr., 3 Jun 1987; Col Joseph M. Henderson, Jr., 5 Apr 1989; Col David L. Yates, 21 Mar 1991; Brig Gen Clinton V. Horn, 31 Jul 1992–.

Aircraft

F–61, 1948; F–82, 1948–1951; F–94, 1950–1952; C–54, 1950; F–51, 1951–1952. F–86, 1956–1957; F–102, 1956–1960; F–106, 1960–1968. F–101, 1981–1982; F–106, 1981–1984; T–33, 1981–1988; TF/QF/PQM–102, 1981–1983; QF–100, 1982–1983; F–15, 1983–.

Operations

Air defense of the US west coast, 1948–1952 and 1956–1968. During 1950, controlled a troop carrier squadron and from 6 May 1950 to 8 Jun 1951, provided training for elements of a troop carrier wing. From 9 Feb to 1 Jul 1968, operated a large detachment at Osan AB, South Korea, to provide air defense. Provided Air Defense Weapons Center operational and technical advice on air defense and tactics, 1981–1983. Tested and evaluated new air defense equipment, including use of the PQM–102 and QF–100, former operational aircraft modified to function as manned/unmanned drones. In Oct 1983, the wing assumed a new mission: qualification training of tactical aircrews. Beginning 1983, deployed T–33 and later, F–15 aircraft to USAF, Air National Guard, Marine Corps, and Navy air units to provide electronic countermeasures and dissimilar air combat training and to increase aircrew combat proficiency. Performed alert duties, 1988–1990, intercepting unidentified aircraft and assisting the US Drug Enforcement Agency in anti-smuggling efforts. Became host unit at Tyndall AFB on 1 Sep 1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jan 1967–1 Mar 1968; 1 Jul 1981–31 Mar 1983; 1 Jun 1983–31 May 1985.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 325th Operations Group prior to 9 Jun 1948:

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. World War II: Tunisia; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Anzio; Rome-Arno; Southern France; North Apennines; Po Valley; Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Decorations. Distinguished Unit Citations: Sardinia, 30 Jul 1943; Italy, 30 Jan 1944.

Emblem

Per fess, Sable and Azure, a fess arched and nebuly to chief Argent; overall a lightning flash issuing from dexter chief bendwise Or, all within a diminished bordure of the like. *Motto:* LOCARE ET LIQUIDARE—Locate and liquidate. Approved for 325th Group on 1 Oct 1951 and for 325th Wing on 5 Mar 1957 (K 7231).



341st Missile Wing

Established as 341st Bombardment Group (Medium) on 14 Aug 1942. Activated on 15 Sep 1942. Redesignated 341st Bombardment Group, Medium, on 1 Aug 1943. Inactivated on 2 Nov 1945. Redesignated 341st Bombardment Group, Light, and activated in the Reserve, on 27 Dec 1946. Inactivated on 27 Jun 1949. Consolidated (31 Jan 1984) with the 341st Bombardment Wing, Medium, which was established on 23 Mar 1953. Activated on 1 Sep 1955. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 25 Jun 1961. Redesignated 341st Strategic Missile Wing (ICBM-Minuteman), and activated, on 1 Jul 1961. Organized on 15 Jul 1961. Redesignated 341st Missile Wing on 1 Sep 1991.

Assignments

10th (later, Tenth) Air Force, 15 Sep 1942; India Air Task Force, 3 Oct 1942; Tenth Air Force, 16 Oct 1943; Fourteenth Air Force, 25 Oct 1943 (attached to Tenth Air Force, 25 Oct–14 Dec 1943; Strategic Air Force, 15 Dec 1943–); 69th Composite Wing, 26 Dec 1943 (continued attachment to Strategic Air Force until c. 7 Jan 1944); XIV Air Force Tactical Air Command (Provisional) (attached to 69th Composite Wing), 21 Jun 1945; 69th Composite Wing, 1 Aug 1945; Fourteenth Air Force, 25 Aug–c. Sep 1945. First Air Force, 27 Dec 1946; 3d Bombardment Wing, Light (later, 3d Air Division, Bombardment), 17 Oct 1947–27 Jun 1949. Fifteenth Air Force, 1 Sep 1955; 819th Air Division, 1 Feb 1956–25 Jun 1961 (attached to 3d Air Division, 9 Jan–c. 4 Apr 1958). Strategic Air Command, 1 Jul 1961; 22d Air Division, 15 Jul 1961; 821st Strategic Aerospace Division, 1 Jul 1962; 813th Strategic Aerospace Division, 1 Jul 1964; 18th Strategic Aerospace Division, 2 Jul 1966; 810th Strategic Aerospace Division, 2 Jul 1968; 4th Strategic Missile (later, 4th Air) Division, 30 Jun 1971; 47th Air Division, 15 Jan 1973; 4th Air Division, 23 Jan 1987; Fifteenth Air Force, 23 Aug 1988; 40th Air Division, 7 Jul 1989; Fifteenth Air Force, 14 Jun 1991; Twentieth Air Force, 1 Sep 1991–.

Components

Group. 341st Operations: 1 Sep 1991–.

Squadrons. 10th: 18 Jun 1947–27 Jun 1949; 1 Sep 1955–25 Jun 1961; 1 Dec 1961–1 Sep 1991. 11th Air Refueling: 1 Dec 1955–1 Jun 1960 (detached 19 Dec 1956–10 Apr 1957, 9 Jan–c. 4 Apr 1958, and 10 Jul–26 Sep 1958). 11th: 15 Sep 1942–10 Mar 1943 (detached 15 Sep 1942–10 Mar 1943); 25 Oct 1943–2 Nov 1945 (detached 25 Oct 1943–c. 6 Jan 1944, 13 Mar–c. Dec 1944, and 16 Mar–1 Aug 1945). 12th: 24 Jul 1947–27 Jun 1949; 1 Sep 1955–25 Jun 1961; 1 Mar 1962–1 Sep 1991. 22d: 15 Sep 1942–2 Nov 1945. 490th: assigned 15 Sep 1942–25 Oct 1943, attached 26 Oct 1943–c. 7 Jan 1944; assigned 7 May–2 Nov 1945 (detached 7 May–c. 25 Aug 1945); 4 Apr 1947–27 Jun 1949; 1 Sep 1955–25 Jun 1961; 1 May 1962–1 Sep 1991. 491st: 15 Sep 1942–2 Nov 1945; 5 Jun 1947–27 Jun 1949; 1 Nov 1958–25 Jun 1961. 564th: 1 Apr 1966–1 Sep 1991.

Stations

Camp Malir, Karachi, India, 15 Sep 1942; Chakulia, India, 30 Dec 1942; Kurmitola, India, Jun 1943; Kunming, China, c. 7 Jan 1944; Yangkai, China, 13 Dec 1944–c. Sep 1945; Camp Kilmer, NJ, 1–2 Nov 1945. Westover Field (later, AFB), MA, 27 Dec 1946–27 Jun 1949. Abilene (later, Dyess) AFB, TX, 1 Sep 1955–25 Jun 1961. Malmstrom AFB, MT, 15 Jul 1961–.

Commanders

Col Torgils G. Wold, 15 Sep 1942; Lt Col James A. Philpott, 21 Sep 1943; Col Torgils G. Wold, 2 Nov 1943; Col Morris F. Taber, 23 Nov 1943; Maj Loren S. Nickels, 2 Feb 1944; Col Morris F. Taber, 17 Mar 1944; Col Joseph B. Wells, 11 Apr 1944; Col Donald L. Clark, c. 1 Dec 1944; Col James W. Newsome, 16 Apr 1945–unkn. None (not manned), 27 Dec 1946–c. Mar 1947; Lt Col Ralph P. Warriner, c. Mar 1947–unkn; Lt Col Michael D. Petrosky, (by Aug) 1948–unkn. Col Anthony J. Perna, 1 Sep 1955; Col Frank P. Sturdivant, c. 3 Dec 1955; Col Calvin E. Peeler, c. 31 Oct 1957; Col Anthony J. Perna, c. 1 Nov 1957; Col Jack W. Hayes, Jr., 9 Jun 1959; Col Ralph T. Holland, 3 Feb–25 Jun 1961. None (not manned), 1–14 Jul 1961; Col Burton C. Andrus, Jr., 15 Jul 1961; Brig Gen Lawrence S. Lightner, 20 Feb 1963; Col Rex Dowtin, 1 Jul 1964; Col Thomas F. Doyle, 3 Jun 1966; Col John W. Carroll, 5 Jul 1966; Col Eugene J. Crahen, 13 Mar 1968; Brig Gen Gerald G. Fall, Jr., 27 May 1970; Brig Gen Kermit C. Kaericher, 7 Jun 1972; Col Ralph D. Scott, 7 Jun 1973; Col William R. Brooksher, 18 Jun 1975; Col Gerald E. McIlmoyle, 23 Jul 1976; Col Allen K. Rachel, 23 Mar 1978; Col James L. Crouch, 25 May 1979; Col Dennis M. Heitkamp, 5 Jun 1981; Col James B. Knight, 20 Jun 1983; Col Robert W. Parker, 3 Aug 1984; Col Teddy E. Rinebarger, 13 Dec 1985; Col Richard O. Keen, 10 Jul 1987; Col Edward L. Burchfield, 20 Sep 1988; Col William R. Smith, 27 Aug 1990; Brig Gen Thomas H. Neary, 15 Jan 1992–.

Aircraft and Missiles

B–25, 1942–1945; A–26, 1945. AT–6, 1947–1949; AT–11, 1947–1949. B–47, 1956–1961; KC–97, 1956–1960. Minuteman I, 1962–1969; Minuteman II, 1967–; Minuteman III, 1975–.

Operations

Activated in India on 15 Sep 1942. Equipped with B–25s. Entered combat early in 1943 and operated chiefly against enemy transportation in central Burma until 1944. Bombed bridges, locomotives, rail yards, and other targets to delay movement of supplies to the Japanese troops fighting in northern Burma. Moved to China in Jan 1944. Engaged primarily in sea sweeps and attacks against inland shipping. Also bombed and strafed such targets as trains, harbors, and railroads in French Indochina and the Canton-Hong Kong area of China. Received a DUC for developing and using a special (glip) bombing technique against enemy bridges in French Indochina. Moved to the US in Oct 1945. Inactivated on 2 Nov 1945. Performed strategic bombardment training operations on a global scale, Jan 1956–May 1961, and air refueling, Feb 1956–May 1960. Deployed at Andersen AFB, Guam, Jan–Apr 1958.

Phased down for inactivation at Dyess AFB, TX, Apr–Jun 1961. Replaced 4061st Air Refueling Wing in Jul 1961. Became USAF's first Minuteman ICBM wing. Supervised missile training and coordinated silo construction, Jul 1961–Jul 1963 and Oct 1964–May 1967. First missile squadron formed in Dec 1961. First Minuteman I missile arrived at Malmstrom on 23 Jul 1962; first missile emplaced in its silo on 27 Jul 1962. First missile on alert on 27 Oct 1962, and three squadrons became operational by early Jul 1963. A fourth squadron activated 1 Apr 1966 and became combat ready in Apr 1967. Replaced Minuteman Is with Minuteman IIs, 1967–1969, and added Minuteman IIIs in Jan 1975. Received the SAC Commander's Missile Wing of the Year Award for 1969. Won the SAC missile combat competition and the Blanchard Trophy in 1976, 1986, 1990 and 1991. Won the Lee R. Williams Trophy as SAC's outstanding missile wing for 1963, 1975, 1976, 1986, 1987, and 1991. In accordance with the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START), on 28 Sep 1991, the 341st Missile Wing began taking its Minuteman II's off alert and began deactivation of the missiles.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: India-Burma; China Defensive; China Offensive.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: French Indo–China, 11 Dec 1944–12 Mar 1945. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 22 Oct 1962–31 Dec 1963; 1 Jul 1975–30 Jun 1976; 1 Jul 1976–30 Jun 1977; 1 Jul 1979–30 Jun 1981; 1 Jul 1988–30 Jun 1990; 1 Jul 1990–30 Jun 1991; 1 Sep 1991–31 Aug 1993.

Emblem

Per fess nebuly Azure, semi of mullets Argent, and White a sheath palewise point to base of the second and rising therefrom a sword of the like its hilt a winged escutcheon Or, between in base two lightning flashes pilewise Gules surmounted by an olive branch Vert veined Yellow; all within a diminished bordure of the last. *Motto*: PAX ORBIS PER ARMA AERIA — World peace through air strength. Approved on 5 Jun 1957, modified on 22 Mar 1995.



347th Wing

Established as 347th Fighter Wing, All Weather, on 10 Aug 1948. Activated on 18 Aug 1948. Redesignated 347th Fighter-All Weather Wing on 20 Jan 1950. Inactivated on 24 Jun 1950. Redesignated 347th Tactical Fighter Wing, and activated, on 21 Dec 1967. Organized on 15 Jan 1968. Inactivated on 31 Oct 1972. Activated on 30 Jul 1973. Inactivated on 30 Jun 1975. Activated on 30 Sep 1975. Redesignated: 347th Fighter Wing on 1 Oct 1991; 347th Wing on 1 Jul 1994.

Assignments

315th Air Division, 18 Aug 1948; Fifth Air Force, 1 Mar–24 Jun 1950. Pacific Air Forces, 21 Dec 1967; Fifth Air Force, 15 Jan 1968; Tactical Air Command, 15 May 1971; 832d Air Division, 15 May 1971–31 Oct 1972. Thirteenth Air Force, 30 Jul 1973–30 Jun 1975 (attached to Seventh Air Force, 30 Jul 1973–c. 14 Feb 1974; United States Support Activities Group/Seventh Air Force, c. 14 Feb 1974–30 Jun 1975). Ninth Air Force, 30 Sep 1975–.

Components

Group. 347th Fighter (later, 347th Operations): 18 Aug 1948–24 Jun 1950; 1 May 1991–.

Squadrons. 34th: 15 Jan 1968–15 Mar 1971 (detached). 35th: 15 Jan 1968–15 Mar 1971 (detached 22 Mar–10 Jun 1968). 36th: 15 Jan 1968–15 May 1971. 68th: 30 Sep 1975–1 May 1991 (detached 30 May–5 Jul 1990). 69th: 1 Jul 1983–1 May 1991 (detached 8 Jan–1 May 1991). 70th: 30 Sep 1975–1 May 1991 (detached 29 Aug–28 Sep 1989). 80th: 15 Jan 1968–15 Mar 1971 (detached 15 Feb–15 Mar 1971). 339th: 30 Dec 1975–1 Jul 1983. 389th: 15 Oct 1971–31 Oct 1972. 390th: 30 Jun–31 Oct 1972. 391st: 1 Jul 1971–31 Oct 1972. 428th: 30 Jul 1973–15 Jun 1975. 429th: 30 Jul 1973–21 Jun 1975. 556th Reconnaissance: 1 Jul 1968–15 May 1971. 4589th: 1 Sep–15 Oct 1971. 4590th: 1 Jan–30 Jun 1972. 6091st Reconnaissance: 15 Jan–1 Jul 1968.

Stations

Itazuke, Japan, 18 Aug 1948; Bofu Afl, Japan, 15 Oct 1948; Ashiya Afl, (later, AB), Japan, 3 May 1949; Nagoya AB, Japan, 1 Apr–24 Jun 1950. Yokota AB, Japan, 15 Jan 1968–15 May 1971; Mountain Home AFB, ID, 15 May 1971–31 Oct 1972. Takhli RTAFB, Thailand, 30 Jul 1973; Korat RTAFB, Thailand, 12 Jul 1974–30 Jun 1975. Moody AFB, GA, 30 Sep 1975–.

Commanders

Col Daniel A. Cooper, 18 Aug 1948; Col Robert D. McCarten, 21 Jan 1949; Col Daniel A. Cooper, 3 May 1949; Col Virgil L. Zoller, 23 Jun 1949; Col Walter C. White, 1 Apr–24 Jun 1950. None (not manned), 21 Dec 1967–14 Jan 1968; Col Paul P. Douglas, Jr., 15 Jan 1968; Col Allen K. McDonald, 23 Jan 1968; Col Thomas M. Carhart, 29 Jan 1968; Col Irby B. Jarvis, Jr., 3 Sep 1969; Col William L. Craig, 5 Jul 1970; Brig Gen Donald H. Ross, 15 Jul 1970; Brig Gen Henry L. Warren, 15 May 1971 (additional duty to

15 Jul 1971); Col Lynwood E. Clark, 10 Dec 1971–31 Oct 1972. Col Thomas E. Lacy, 30 Jul 1973; Col Cecil D. Crabb, 9 Mar 1974; Col Maurice E. Seaver, Jr., 21 Sep 1974; Col Russell E. Thoburn, 22 Mar 1975; Col James D. Covington, 21–30 Jun 1975. Col Robert L. Cass, 30 Sep 1975; Col Jack I. Gregory, 17 Aug 1976; Col William T. Tolbert, 5 Oct 1978; Col Bradley C. Hosmer, 30 Aug 1979; Col Eugene L. Vosika, 4 Aug 1981; Col Harald G. Hermes, 31 May 1983; Col Buster C. Glosson, 13 Feb 1985; Col David Oakes, 9 Jun 1986; Col Gladstone J. Prater, Jr., 2 Jun 1988; Col Marvin R. Esmond, 20 Jul 1990; Brig Gen James I. Mathers, 31 Aug 1992–.

Aircraft

F–51, 1948; F–61, 1948–1950; F–82, 1949–1950. F–105, 1968; F–4, 1968–1971; C–130, 1968–1971; EB–57, 1968–1971; RB–57, 1968; F–111, 1971–1972. F–111, 1973–1975. F–4, 1975–1988; F–16, 1987–.

Operations

Provided air defense while stationed at Nagoya AB, Japan, Aug 1948–Mar 1950. Following inactivation on 24 Jun 1950, former 347th personnel and equipment were assigned to understrength units in Korea. Activated at Yokota AB, Japan, on 15 Jan 1968, and performed air defense and reconnaissance missions over Japan and South Korea through early May 1971. Not operational, 15 May–14 Jul 1971. Trained to achieve proficiency in F–111 aircraft, Jul 1971–Oct 1972. Conducted combat operations over Cambodia, 30 Jul–15 Aug 1973, then remained in Southeast Asia through May 1975 to undertake an air strike mission in the event of further contingency operations. Participated in numerous exercises and firepower demonstrations, and, during Jan–May 1975, flew sea surveillance missions. Participated in the recovery of the American merchantman *SS Mayaguez* from Cambodian forces, 13–14 May 1975. Phased down and inactivated on 30 Jun 1975. Upon activation on 30 Sep 1975, replaced Det. 1, 363d Combat Support Group at Moody AFB, GA, and trained to become proficient in F–4E aircraft. Assumed responsibility for operating Moody AFB in Dec 1975, and was declared combat-ready on 1 Apr 1977. Thereafter, conducted frequent exercise deployments in the US and overseas to maintain capabilities specializing in air-to-ground attack using precision-guided weapons. Transitioned to F–16A/B aircraft, 1988–1989, and oriented mission planning toward NATO requirements by conducting squadron-strength deployments to Europe. Began upgrading to F–16C/D in Jan 1990 and in Aug 1990 became first operational TAC unit to employ the LANTIRN all-weather/night navigation and bombing system. Sent support personnel to Southwest Asia in Aug 1990, and on 5 Jan 1991

deployed one fighter squadron (the 69th) to fly combat missions. Following the ceasefire, continued to support peace-keeping operations with periodic aircraft deployments to Saudi Arabia. As a result of hurricane damage at Homestead AFB, FL, two fighter squadrons from there moved to Moody AFB, GA, in Aug 1992, and in Nov 1992 were assigned to the 347th, making it the largest F-16 wing in the USAF. The 347th continued proficiency training through participation in joint service and multinational exercises.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat "V" Device: 30 Jul 1973–15 May 1975. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 15 Apr 1969–15 Apr 1971; 1 Jan 1977–30 Apr 1978; 1 May 1978–31 May 1979; 1 Apr 1987–31 Mar 1989; 23 Feb 1991–22 Feb 1993.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 347th Operations Group prior to 18 Aug 1948.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. World War II: Guadalcanal; Northern Solomons; Bismarck Archipelago; New Guinea; Leyte; Luzon; Southern Philippines; Western Pacific; China Defensive; China Offensive; Air Combat, Asiatic-Pacific Theater.

Decorations. Distinguished Unit Citation: Netherlands East Indies, 7, 20, and 22 Nov 1944. Presidential Unit Citation (Navy): [3 Oct]–9 Dec 1942. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation.

Emblem

Per bend Argent and Sable, on the first a silhouette of a knight in armor palewise, armed with a shield and lance all of the second, overall issuing from base in pale a demi-sphere checky of the first and of the second, supporting three knights (chess pieces) of the first mounted on a base of three arcs

palewise Or, Gules and Azure, all within a diminished bordure Or. Approved on 26 Mar 1967 (KE 29503). *Motto:* BORN IN BATTLE. Approved in Sep 1995.



354th Fighter Wing

Established as 354th Fighter-Day Wing on 26 Sep 1956. Activated on 19 Nov 1956.
Redesignated: 354th Tactical Fighter Wing on 1 Jul 1958; 354th Fighter Wing on 1 Oct 1991. Inactivated on 31 Mar 1993. Activated on 20 Aug 1993.

Assignments

Ninth Air Force, 19 Nov 1956; Twelfth Air Force, 1 Jul 1960; Ninth Air Force, 1 Jan 1962; 833d Air Division, 1 Oct 1964; Fifth Air Force, 5 Jul 1968 (attached to 4th Tactical Fighter Wing, 5–24 Jul 1968; Detachment 1, HQ Fifth Air Force [Fifth Air Force ADVON], 25 Jul 1968–14 Jun 1970); Ninth Air Force, 15 Jun 1970–31 Mar 1993 (attached [as HQ 354th TFW (Advanced)] to Thirteenth Air Force, and further attached for control to Seventh Air Force, 14 Oct 1972–18 May 1974). Eleventh Air Force, 20 Aug 1993–.

Components

Groups. 354th Fighter-Day (later, 354th Operations): 19 Nov 1956–25 Sep 1957; 20 Aug 1993–. 455th: attached 19 Nov 1956–1 Jul 1957.

Squadrons. 16th: attached 29 May–14 Jun 1970. 20th Helicopter: 16 Jul 1959–8 Mar 1960. 68th: attached 20 Jun–9 Dec 1969. 74th: attached 5 Jul–28 Dec 1973. 127th: 5 Jul 1968–10 Jun 1969. 166th: 5 Jul 1968–10 Jun 1969. 334th: attached 16 Dec 1969–31 May 1970. 335th: attached 8 Dec 1969–23 May 1970. 352d: 25 Sep 1957–15 Aug 1966 (detached 16 Jul–26 Oct 1958, 14–23 Apr 1959, 12 Jan–14 May 1960, 30 Nov–5 Dec 1960, 15 Feb–4 Mar 1961, 14 Nov 1961–11 Mar 1962, 21 Oct–1 Dec 1962, 14 Jan–21 Apr 1963, 7–18 May 1963, 30 Jun–18 Sep 1963, 10 Dec 1963–12 Mar 1964, 20 Nov 1964–18 Mar 1965, and 14 Jul–13 Aug 1965). 353d: 25 Sep 1957–27 Apr 1966 (detached c. 9 Sep 1958–20 Feb 1959, 8–12 Jul 1959, 14 Sep 1959–19 Jan 1960, 15 Jul–16 Nov 1961, 8 Oct 1962–20 Jan 1963, 15 Sep–16 Dec 1963, 25 Aug–4 Dec 1964, 2–28 May 1965, 14 Jul–13 Aug 1965, and 25 Aug–6 Dec 1965); 15 Jul 1971–15 Dec 1992 (detached 15 Aug 1990–25 Mar 1991). 354th: attached 14 Jan–5 Jul 1973. 355th: 25 Sep 1957–22 Apr 1968 (detached 15 Jul–26 Oct 1958, 19 May–17 Sep 1959, 10 Sep 1960–16 Jan 1961, 5 Sep–19 Nov 1961, 7 Jul–14 Oct 1962, 21 Oct–1 Dec 1962, 6–20 Feb 1963, 3 Jul–17 Sep 1963, 8–15 Jun 1964, 15 Jun–28 Aug 1964, 2 Jul–25 Sep 1965, 4 Dec 1965–23 Apr 1966, and 3 Feb–22 Apr 1968); 1 Nov 1970–31 Mar 1992 (detached 16 Aug 1990–25 Mar 1991). 356th: 25 Sep 1957–29 Nov 1965 (detached 17 Jan–18 May 1959, 10 Oct–13 Nov 1959, 1 May–14 Sep 1960, 9–17 Jun 1961, 5 Mar–11 Jul 1962, 21 Oct–1 Dec 1962, 7 Apr–5 Jul 1963, 27 Oct–24 Nov 1963, 3 Mar–18 Jun 1964, 16 Mar–8 Jul 1965, and 14 Jul–13 Aug 1965); 15 May 1971–30 Jun 1992 (detached 7 Sep–14 Nov 1974 and 30 Aug–22 Sep 1976). 358th: attached 28 Dec 1973–15 May 1974. 478th: attached 21 May–14 Jun 1970. 511th: 15 Jun 1970–15 Jul 1971. 560th: attached 23 Jun–17 Dec 1969.

4430th Combat Crew Training: 15 Jun 1970–31 Jul 1972. 4456th: 15 Jan–15 May 1971. 4554th Tactical Fighter Replacement: 15 May 1972–15 Oct 1975.

Stations

Myrtle Beach AFB, SC, 19 Nov 1956–2 Jul 1968; Kunsan AB, South Korea, 2 Jul 1968–14 Jun 1970; Myrtle Beach AFB, SC, 15 Jun 1970–31 Mar 1993. Eielson AFB AK, 20 Aug 1993–.

Commanders

Col Francis S. Gabreski, 19 Nov 1956; Col Robert L. Petit, 13 Jul 1960; Brig Gen Gilbert L. Meyers, 3 Oct 1960; Col Joseph J. Kruzal, 1 Apr 1963; Col Franklin H. Scott, 12 Jan 1964; Col Herbert E. Ross, 15 May 1965; Col Harold L. Price, 27 Jul 1965; Col Warren R. Lewis, 29 Oct 1966; Col Edwin A. Schneider, 28 Nov 1966; Col William I. Williams, 1 May 1967; Col Wallace C. Bosworth, Jr., 19 Mar 1968; Col Waring W. Wilson, 22 Apr–2 Jul 1968 (additional duty); none (not manned), 3–4 Jul 1968; Col Donald W. Forney, 5 Jul 1968; Col Henry W. Ritter, 5 Jun 1969; Col Maurice G. Long, 14 Jun 1969; Col Albert R. Neville, Jr., 12 Jul 1969; Col Henry L. Warren, 25 Jan 1970; Col Evan W. Rosencrans, 15 Jun 1970; Col Thomas M. Knoles III, 21 Jun 1971; Col William D. Curry, Jr., 1 May 1973; Col Michael G. Filliman, 25 Oct 1974; Col Robert H. Reed, 5 Aug 1976; Col Michael P.C. Carns, 23 Mar 1979; Col Larry K. Barton, 7 Oct 1980; Col Roger A. Sorensen, 10 Jan 1983; Brig Gen Joel H. Hall, 6 Apr 1984; Col Joseph J. Redden, 7 Jan 1986; Col Robert G. Jenkins, 12 Feb 1988; Col Ervin C. Sharpe, Jr., 23 Feb 1990; Col John R. Dallager, 28 Aug 1991; Col Richard H. McDow, 8 Jul 1992; Col James A. Moen, 22 Sep 1992–31 Mar 1993.

Aircraft

RF–80, 1956–1957; F–100, 1957–1969; H–21, 1959–1960; F–4, 1969–1970; T/AT–33, 1970–1976; A–7, 1970–1978; A–10, 1977–1992.

Operations

Replaced the 342d Fighter-Day Wing in Nov 1956. Switched from Fighter-day to Fighter-bomber training in Jul 1958. From Jul 1958 through Apr 1966, had one or more squadrons constantly deployed overseas. During the Cuban missile crisis of 1962, part of the wing manned a provisional air division at McCoy AFB, FL. During the Dominican Republic crisis of 1965, the 354th deployed more than 400 people and 18 F–100s to Ramey AFB, Puerto Rico, and San Isidro AB, Dominican Republic. The conflict in Southeast Asia drained wing strength; one squadron moved to Japan in Nov 1965, another

to Spain in Apr 1966, and another to South Vietnam in Aug 1966, leaving the wing with a single flying unit. This last squadron moved to South Vietnam in Apr 1968. The mobilized ANG 113th TFW moved to Myrtle Beach AFB, SC, in Apr 1968, absorbing resources of the 354th. The 354th had no units and existed primarily on paper until it moved to South Korea in early Jul 1968 to replace the 4th TFW. There, it was remanned primarily by ANG people on active duty under 4th TFW control. When the 4th TFW departed, the 354th assumed active F-100 operations. Its two ANG squadrons returned to the United States in Jun 1969, and for 10 days in South Korea the wing was again without tactical components. Several rotational squadrons provided the needed tactical force after this brief lapse. On 14 Jun 1970, the 354th passed its resources to the 54th TFW and returned to the United States without personnel or equipment, absorbing resources of the 4554th TFW at Myrtle Beach AFB, SC. Charged with T/AT-33 combat crew training and with becoming proficient with A-7 aircraft; on 10 Oct 1972 the wing split into Advance and Rear echelons; the Advance element moved to Thailand and commenced combat operations in Southeast Asia on 16 Oct 1972. Interdicted lines of communications to halt the flow of North Vietnamese supplies to enemy units in the South; provided close air support to ground troops; and escorted surface ship convoys up the Mekong River to Phnom Penh. Continued combat in Vietnam until mid-Jan 1973, in Laos until 22 Feb 1973, and in Cambodia until 15 Aug 1973. The split-wing status continued until 23 May 1974; during this period, tactical units rotated between Thailand and the United States. Recombined at Myrtle Beach, the 354th continued routine A-7 operations until 1977, when it converted to A-10 aircraft. Participated in numerous tactical exercises in both the United States and overseas, focusing primarily on training for world contingencies. Elements of this wing participated in operations in Southwest Asia, 15 Aug 1990-25 Mar 1991, inflicting heavy damage to Iraqi armor and artillery emplacements, as well as cutting off enemy supply lines.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

Vietnam: Vietnam Ceasefire. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Presidential Unit Citation: Southeast Asia, 10 Oct 1972-30 Apr 1973. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Oct 1962-31 Dec 1963; 15 Jun 1970-31 May 1972; 1 May 1974-30 Apr 1976; 11 May 1976-31 May 1977; 1 Jul 1985-30 Jun 1987; 1 May 1990-15 Mar 1992.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 354th Operations Group prior to 19 Nov 1956.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Decorations. Distinguished Unit Citations: ETO, [Dec] 1943-15 May 1944; France, 25 Aug 1944. French Croix de Guerre with Palm: 1 Dec 1943-31 Dec 1944.

Emblem

Argent between four bendlets Azure, Or, Vert and Gules a demi-horse rampant of the last in chief, and in base two swords saltirewise, White garnished Sable hilts of the second all within a diminished bordure of the third. *Motto:* VALOR IN COMBAT. Approved on 18 Oct 1957; slightly modified on 1 Jun 1971 (KE 5555).



355th Wing

Established as 355th Fighter Group, and activated, on 12 Nov 1942. Inactivated on 20 Nov 1946. Redesignated 355th Fighter Group (Air Defense) on 20 Jun 1955. Activated on 18 Aug 1955. Inactivated on 8 Jan 1958. Consolidated (31 Jan 1984) with the 355th Tactical Fighter Wing, which was established, and activated, on 13 Apr 1962. Organized on 8 Jul 1962. Inactivated on 10 Dec 1970. Activated on 1 Jul 1971. Redesignated: 355th Tactical Training Wing on 1 Sep 1979; 355th Fighter Wing on 1 Oct 1991; 355th Wing on 1 May 1992.

Assignments

AAF School of Applied Tactics, 12 Nov 1942; I Fighter Command, 18 Feb 1943; VIII Fighter Command, c. 6 Jul 1943; 65th Fighter Wing 9 Sep 1943; Ninth Air Force, c. 10 Jul 1945; XXIX Tactical Air Command, 18 Jul 1945; 70th Fighter Wing, c. 10 Aug 1945; 64th Fighter Wing, c. 15 Apr 1946; First Air Force, 1 Aug–20 Nov 1946. 35th Air Division (Defense), 18 Aug 1955; 58th Air Division (Defense), 1 Mar 1956–8 Jan 1958. Tactical Air Command, 13 Apr 1962; 831st Air Division, 8 Jul 1962; 835th Air Division, 21 Jul 1964; Thirteenth Air Force, 8 Nov 1965–10 Dec 1970 (attached to 2d Air Division, 8 Nov 1965–31 Mar 1966; Seventh Air Force, 1 Apr 1966–10 Dec 1970). Twelfth Air Force, 1 Jul 1971; Ninth Air Force, 1 Jul 1976; Tactical Training, Davis-Monthan, 1 Apr 1977; 836th Air Division, 1 Jan 1981; Twelfth Air Force, 1 May 1992–.

Components

Wing. 4453d Combat Crew Training: attached 1 Jul–30 Sep 1971.

Groups. 1st Air Support: 15 Jun 1992–1 Feb 1994. 3rd Air Support: 15 Jun 1992–1 Feb 1994. 355th Operations: 1 May 1992–.

Squadrons. 11th Tactical Drone: 1 Jul 1971–1 Jul 1976. 35th: attached 8–c. 9 Nov 1965. 40th: 1 Oct 1971–1 Jun 1972. 41st Tactical–Reconnaissance (later, 41st Tactical Electronic Warfare): attached 8 Nov 1965–18 Sep 1966 and 8–14 Aug 1967, assigned 15 Aug 1967–31 Oct 1969. 42d Tactical Electronic Warfare: 1 Jan 1968–15 Oct 1970 (detached c. 23 Sep–15 Oct 1970). 44th: 15 Oct 1969–10 Dec 1970. 333d: Tactical Fighter (later, 333d Tactical Fighter Training): 4 Dec 1965–10 Dec 1970; 31 Jul 1971–15 Feb 1991. 334th: attached 8 Nov 1965–5 Feb 1966. 335th: attached 8 Nov–6 Dec 1965. 354th: 12 Nov 1942–20 Nov 1946; 18 Aug 1955–8 Jan 1958; 8 Jul 1962–8 Nov 1965 (detached 24 Jan–21 Feb 1964, 2 May–c. 20 Sep 1964, 3 Mar–12 Jun 1965); 27 Nov 1965–10 Dec 1970; 1 Jul 1971–30 Apr 1982 (detached 12 Jan–5 Jul 1973 and 22 Jan–9 Feb 1979). 357th: 12 Nov 1942–20 Nov 1946; 8 Jul 1962–8 Nov 1965 (detached 9 Aug–12 Dec 1964, 12 Jun–8 Nov 1965); 29 Jan 1966–10 Dec 1970; 1 Jul 1971–1 May 1992. 358th: 12 Nov 1942–20 Nov 1946; 1 Jun 1972–1 May 1992 (detached 28 Dec 1973–15 May 1974). 421st: 8 Jul 1962–8 Nov 1965 (detached 15 Sep–23 Nov 1964 and 7 Apr–20 Aug 1965). 469th: 18 Aug 1955–8 Jan 1958; 8 Jul 1962–8 Nov 1965 (detached 30 Nov 1964–13 Mar 1965). 562d: attached 8 Nov–c. 4 Dec 1965. 4455th Combat Crew Training: attached 1–8 Oct 1971. 6460th Tactical Reconnaissance (later, 6460th Tactical Electronic Warfare): attached 8 Jun–18 Sep 1966 and 8–14 Aug 1967, assigned 15 Aug 1967–

1 Jan 1968). Detachment 1, 428th Tactical Fighter Squadron: attached 17 Mar–19 Nov 1968.

Stations

Orlando AB, FL, 12 Nov 1942; Norfolk Municipal Airport, VA, 19 Feb 1943; Philadelphia Municipal Airport, PA, 4 Mar–16 Jun 1943; Steeple Morden, England, 6 Jul 1943; Gablingen, Germany, c. 10 Jul 1945; Schweinfurt, Germany, 15 Apr 1946; Mitchel Field, NY, 1 Aug–20 Nov 1946. McGhee–Tyson Airport, TN, 18 Aug 1955–8 Jan 1958. George AFB, CA, 8 Jul 1962; McConnell AFB, KS, 21 Jul 1964–Oct 1965; Takhli Royal Thai AFB, Thailand, 8 Nov 1965–10 Dec 1970. Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ, 1 Jul 1971–.

Commanders

Unkn, 12 Nov 1942–15 Jan 1943; Col William J. Cummings, Jr., 16 Jan 1943; Col Everett W. Stewart, 4 Nov 1944; Lt Col Claiborne H. Kinnard, Jr., 21 Feb 1945; Lt Col William D. Gilchrist, 30 May 1945 (temporary), 7 Jun 1945 (permanent); Lt Col Bert W. Marshall, Jr., 14 Sep 1945 (temporary); Lt Col John L. Elder, Jr., 7 Oct 1945; Col Carroll W. McColpin, 14 Mar–31 Jul 1946; none (not manned), 1 Aug–20 Nov 1946. Col William A. Lanford, 18 Aug 1955; Col George B. Simler IV, Jul 1956–c. Jul 1957; Col John R. Kullhan, c. Jul 1957–unkn. None (not manned), 13 Apr–7 Jul 1962; Lt Col Adrian E. Drew, c. 8 Jul 1962; Col Olin E. Gilbert, 12 Jul 1962; Col Paul E. Adams, 20 Jul 1963; Col Edward A. McGough III, 3 Sep 1963; Col William H. Holt, 2 Aug 1965; Col Robert R. Scott, 4 Aug 1966; Col John C. Giraud, 2 Aug 1967; Col Michael C. Horgan, 30 Jun 1968; Col Heath Bottomly, 27 Jun 1969; Col Clarence E. Anderson, Jr., 22 Jun–10 Dec 1970. Col John F. Barnes, 1 Jul 1971; Col Fred A. Haeffner, 23 Aug 1972; Col William J. Hosmer, 19 Jul 1974; Col Alonzo L. Ferguson, 30 Jan 1976; Brig Gen William D. Curry, Jr., 16 Aug 1976; Col Alonzo L. Ferguson, 1 Apr 1977; Col Ralph E. Adams, 11 Jul 1977; Col Michael J. Dugan, 1 Feb 1979; Col Arthur J. Bergman, 27 May 1980; Col Rodney B. Beckman, 18 Jun 1980; Col Paul K. Robinson, Jr., 18 Jun 1982; Col Hal P. Henning, 11 Apr 1984; Col Eben D. Jones, 17 Jan 1986; Col Timothy F. McConnell, 8 Feb 1988; Col Michael C. Short, 11 Aug 1988; Col Joe Degrande, Jr., 9 Jan 1990; Brig Gen Eugene D. Santarelli, 1 Apr 1992–.

Aircraft

P–47, 1942–1944; P–51, 1944–1946. F–86, 1955–1957. Primarily F–105, 1962–1970; and EB–66, 1967–1970; but also included RB–66, 1965–1966; EB–66, 1966; and F–111, 1968. F–4, 1971; A–7, 1971–1979; DC–130,

1971–1976; AQM–34 (drone), 1971–1976; CH–3, 1972–1976; BGM–34 (drone), 1974–1975; RC–130, 1975–1976; A–10, 1976–.

Operations

Prepared for combat with P–47s, 1942–1943. Moved to England in Jul 1943 and assigned to Eighth Air Force. Served primarily as escort for bombers. Also flew fighter sweeps, area patrols, and bombing missions, striking such targets as air parks, locomotives, bridges, radio stations, and armored cars. On 5 Apr 1944, shortly after converting from P–47s to P–51s, the group successfully bombed and strafed German airdromes during a snow squall, a mission for which the group was awarded a DUC. Continued operations until 25 Apr 1945 and remained in the theater after the war for duty with United States Air Forces in Europe. Moved to Germany in Jul 1945 as part of the army of occupation. Transferred, without personnel and equipment, to the US on 1 Aug 1946 and inactivated on 20 Nov. Assigned to Air Defense Command, 1955–1957, and equipped with F–86 aircraft. Provided fighter defense for the eastern part of the United States. Trained in tactical fighter operations, Jul 1962–Nov 1965 and deployed tactical squadrons overseas as required, primarily to combat duty in Southeast Asia. Moved to Thailand in Nov 1965 and performed combat in Southeast Asia, 8 Nov 1965–6 Oct 1970, including air-to-air combat, strike missions, armed reconnaissance, close air support and electronic warfare. Primarily operated over Laos and North Vietnam, attacking strategic transportation centers and lines of communication connecting Hanoi with the industrial centers of southeast China. Had operational control of an F–111 detachment of the 428th Tactical Fighter Squadron, 17 Mar–19 Nov 1968. Began phasing down for inactivation on 7 Oct 1970. Final aircraft departed 10 Nov, and wing inactivated in place on 10 Dec. Replaced the 4453d Combat Crew Training Wing at Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ, in Jul 1971. That wing and the 355th shared commanders and staff through 30 Sep 1971 and built up the 355th as an A–7D unit while phasing down the 4453d as a F–4C unit. Ended F–4 training in mid-Oct 1971. Began training with A–7Ds in a close air support role in Jul 1971. Conducted tactical drone reconnaissance operations, Jul 1971–Jun 1976. Became combat ready with A–7s on 22 Aug 1972. Participated in numerous tactical exercises in the United States and overseas. Trained A–7 pilots for other USAF units. Maintained an A–7 detachment at Howard AFB, Canal Zone, 15 Nov 1972–1 Feb 1974. Augmented an advanced echelon of the 354 TFW at Korat RTAFB, Thailand, Oct 1972–Jul 1973 and Dec 1973–May 1974. Began preparations early in 1975 for conversion to A–10s and received first of these close air support

aircraft in Mar 1976. Provided A–10 combat crew training for aircrew personnel of the United States military forces and for selected members of allied military services, 1 Sep 1979–. Served as a host wing at Davis-Monthan, 30 Sep 1976–31 Mar 1977, Sep 1979–1 Jan 1981, and May 1992 to present.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater. Vietnam: Vietnam Defensive; Vietnam Air; Vietnam Air Offensive; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air/Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; TET 69/Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer-Fall, 1969; Vietnam Winter-Spring, 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon; Commando Hunt V. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: Germany, 5 Apr 1944. Presidential Unit Citations (Vietnam): 1 Jan–10 Oct 1966; 11–12 Aug and 24–28 Oct 1967; 12 Apr 1968–30 Apr 1969. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat “V” Device: 12 Oct 1966–11 Apr 1967; 12 Apr 1967–11 Apr 1968; 1 Jul 1969–24 Nov 1970. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1956–30 Jun 1957; 1 Jul 1971–1 Jun 1973; 1 Oct 1976–31 May 1978. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 22 Apr 1966–10 Dec 1970.

Emblem

Azure, on a pile issuant from sinister throughout Or, flames of fire proper charged with a dagger fesswise point to dexter of the second, all within a diminished bordure of the last. *Motto*: OUR MIGHT ALWAYS. Approved on 16 Mar 1943; and in slightly altered format since Jul 1962 (24977 A.C.).



366th Wing

Established as 366th Fighter-Bomber Wing on 15 Nov 1952. Activated on 1 Jan 1953. Redesignated 366th Tactical Fighter Wing on 1 Jul 1958. Inactivated on 1 Apr 1959. Activated on 30 Apr 1962. Organized on 8 May 1962. Redesignated 366th Wing on 1 Oct 1991.

Assignments

Ninth Air Force, 1 Jan 1953 (attached to Nineteenth Air Force, 15 Feb 1956–24 Sep 1957); 834th Air Division, 25 Sep 1957–1 Apr 1959. United States Air Forces in Europe, 30 Apr 1962; Seventeenth Air Force, 8 May 1962; Twelfth Air Force, 12 Jul 1963; 832d Air Division, 1 Oct 1964; 2d Air Division, 20 Mar 1966; Seventh Air Force, 1 Apr 1966; Thirteenth Air Force, 27 Jun 1972; 832d Air Division, 31 Oct 1972; Twelfth Air Force, 1 Jul 1975–.

Components

Groups. 366th Fighter-Bomber (later, 366th Operations): 1 Jan 1953–25 Sep 1957; 1 Mar 1992–. 401st Fighter-Bomber: attached 5 Feb 1954–25 Sep 1957.

Squadrons. 4th Tactical Fighter: 12 Apr 1969–31 Oct 1972 (detached 29–31 Oct 1972). 20th Tactical Air Support: 15 Mar–27 Jun 1972. 35th Tactical Fighter: attached 3 Apr–12 Jun 1972. 352d Tactical Fighter: 15 Aug–10 Oct 1966. 362d Tactical Electronic Warfare: 1 Feb–27 Jun 1972. 388th Tactical Fighter Training (later, 388th Electronic Combat): 1 Jul 1977–30 Sep 1979; 1 Jul 1981–15 Dec 1982. 389th Fighter-Bomber (later, 389th Tactical Fighter; 389th Tactical Fighter Training): 25 Sep 1957–1 Apr 1959 (detached 25 Sep–22 Dec 1957); 8 May 1962–15 Jun 1969 (detached 15 Sep–16 Dec 1965); 31 Oct 1972–22 Jul 1991 (detached 16 Sep–5 Oct 1976). 390th Fighter-Bomber (later, 390th Tactical Fighter; 390th Electronic Combat): 25 Sep 1957–1 Apr 1959; 8 May 1962–29 Oct 1965; 10 Oct 1966–30 Jun 1972; 31 Oct 1972–1 Oct 1982 (detached 19 Aug–16 Sep 1976); 15 Dec 1982–1 Mar 1992. 391st Fighter-Bomber (later, 391st Tactical Fighter): 25 Sep 1957–1 Apr 1959; 8 May 1962–26 Jan 1966; 31 Oct 1972–1 Jul 1990. 420th Air Refueling, Fighter-Bomber: attached 18 Mar 1954–22 Sep 1955. 421st Tactical Fighter: 16 Apr 1969–31 May 1972 (detached 23 Apr–25 Jun 1969). 480th Fighter-Bomber (later, 480th Tactical Fighter): 25 Sep 1957–1 Apr 1959; 8 May 1962–1 Feb 1966; 10 Oct 1966–15 Apr 1959. 614th Tactical Fighter: 18 Sep–10 Oct 1966. 615th Tactical Fighter: 16 Jul–10 Oct 1966. 622d Air Refueling, Fighter-Bomber: attached 18 Jul 1955–1 Jul 1958.

Detachment. Det 1, 612th Tactical Fighter Squadron: attached 15 May–10 Oct 1966.

Stations

Alexandria (later, England) AFB, LA, 1 Jan 1953–1 Apr 1959. Chaumont AB, France, 8 May 1962–15 Jul 1963; Holloman AFB, NM, 15 Jul 1963–11 Mar 1966; Phan Rang AB, South Vietnam, 20 Mar 1966; Da Nang AB,

South Vietnam, 10 Oct 1966; Takhli RTAFB, Thailand, 27 Jun–31 Oct 1972; Mountain Home AFB, ID, 31 Oct 1972–.

Commanders

Col Reginald F. C. Vance, 1 Jan 1953; Col William A. Daniel, 14 Jul 1953; Col Victor E. Warford, 29 Aug 1957; Col Clyde B. Slocumb, Jr., 25 Sep 1957; Lt Col David N. Harmon, 1 Jun 1958; Col Robert J. Rogers, 17 Jul 1958; Lt Col Frank L. McGuinness, 6 Mar 1959; Col Robert J. Rogers, 23 Mar–1 Apr 1959. None (not manned), 30 Apr–7 May 1962; Col James S. Coward, 8 May 1962; Col George S. Weart, 12 Mar 1964; Col Frank J. Collins, 16 Mar 1964; Col George S. Weart, 7 Jul 1965; Col Carlos M. Talbott, 15 Jul 1965; Col George S. Weart, May 1966; Col Allan P. Rankin, 10 Oct 1966; Col Jones E. Bolt, 20 Mar 1967; Col Robert W. Maloy, 27 May 1967; Col Clifford H. Meier, 19 Dec 1967; Col Paul C. Watson, 17 Jan 1968; Col John W. Roberts, 2 Jan 1969; Col Edward H. Risher, 19 Apr 1969 (temporary); Brig Gen John W. Roberts, 4 May 1969; Col Joseph C. Secino, 1 Oct 1969; Col Daniel C. Perry, 19 Sep 1970; Col John R. Spalding, Jr., 18 Feb 1971; Col Julian D. Sawyer, 7 Jul 1971; Col George W. Rutter, 22 Mar 1972; Col Lynwood E. Clark, 31 Oct 1972; Brig Gen Howard W. Leaf, 15 May 1973; Col Robert K. Parsons, 12 Jul 1974; Col Samuel Huser, 2 Jun 1976; Col John L. Pickitt, 8 Jan 1977; Col Von R. Christiansen, 17 Jul 1978; Col Jerry D. Holmes, 11 Aug 1980; Col Earnest L. Coleman, 2 Jul 1981; Col Loren D. Eastburn, 8 Oct 1982 (temporary), 26 Oct 1982 (permanent); Col Malcolm B. Armstrong, 10 Apr 1984; Col Dennis C. Sammer, 16 Dec 1985; Col Richard G. Hellier, 14 Aug 1987; Col Victor C. Andrews, 24 Mar 1989; Brig Gen William S. Hinton, Jr., 25 Jul 1991; Brig Gen David J. McCloud, 23 Jun 1993–.

Aircraft

F–51, 1953; F–86, 1953–1955, 1956; F–84, 1954–1958; KB–29, 1954–1957; KB–50, 1957–1958; F–100, 1957–1959. F–84, 1962–1965; F–100, 1963, 1966; F–4, 1965–1972; EC–47, 1972; O–2, 1972; OV–10, 1972; F–111, 1972–1991; EF–111, 1981–1992; F–15, 1991–; F–16, 1991–; KC–135, 1992–; B–52, 1992–.

Operations

Replaced the 132d Fighter-Bomber Wing when activated in Jan 1953. Trained to maintain combat proficiency. Conducted air refueling, Sep 1954–Jul 1958. Rotated tactical squadrons to France, 1954–1956, and to Italy, 1955–1957. Served as conventional strike force in Europe, 1962–1963.

Moved to the United States in Jul 1963 and converted to F-4 aircraft in 1965. Moved to Phan Rang AB, South Vietnam, in Mar 1966 for combat operations. In addition to its F-4 squadrons, also controlled several F-100 squadrons in 1966. On 10 Oct 1966, wing designation moved “on paper” to Da Nang AB, South Vietnam, giving the 366th new personnel, equipment, and facilities. By early 1967, many of the wing’s combat missions involved flying cover for F-105 strike aircraft, offering numerous opportunities for aerial combat with North Vietnamese MiG aircraft. Wing pilots scored 18 aerial victories in Southeast Asia. In 1972, gained the 362d TEWS, equipped with EC-47N/P/Q aircraft, and 20th TASS, flying O-2A and OV-10A aircraft. The former was assigned an electronic countermeasures mission; the latter carried out a forward air control mission. Moved to Thailand in Jun 1972 with little change in combat missions; aircraft now limited to F-4s. Continued combat operations until moved without personnel or equipment to the United States in Oct 1972. Replaced the 347th TFW at Mountain Home AFB, ID, becoming operational with F-111F aircraft. In 1977, in a three-way switch of aircraft, transferred F-111Fs to a wing in England and gained F-111A aircraft from a wing at Nellis AFB, NV. Thereafter, in addition to a wartime strike/interdiction mission, the wing also trained replacement aircrews for the USAF’s F-111A community. Acquired electronics countermeasures capabilities with addition of EF-111A radar jamming aircraft in late 1981. Operated an electronic combat range and provided mobile electronic range support for exercises held by other units. In Dec 1989, deployed EF-111A aircraft to support to USAF units involved in the invasion of Panama. The 366th also deployed EF-111A aircraft and maintenance support personnel to Saudi Arabia in Aug–Sep 1990, and it conducted extensive electronic warfare operations in Southwest Asia. In the summer of 1991, the wing relinquished its F-111A aircraft and the accompanying replacement crew training role; its complement of EF-111A aircraft departed the following year. In the meantime, the 366th transitioned to the composite wing concept, beginning with the introduction of F-16C/D fighter and F-15E strike fighter aircraft in the fall of 1991, adding F-15C fighters and KC-135R tankers in mid-1992. A squadron of B-52G bombers was also assigned in Jul 1992, although the unit remained physically located at Castle AFB, CA.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

Vietnam: Vietnam Air; Vietnam Air Offensive; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air/Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive,

Phase IV; TET 69/Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer-Fall, 1969; Vietnam Winter-Spring, 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon; Commando Hunt V; Commando Hunt VI; Commando Hunt VII; Vietnam Ceasefire. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Presidential Unit Citations (Southeast Asia): 23 Apr–1 Aug 1967; 1 Apr–31 Oct 1972. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat “V” Device: 10 Oct 1966–31 Mar 1967; 1 Apr 1967–31 Mar 1968; 1 Apr 1968–31 Jul 1969; 1 Aug 1969–1 Aug 1970; 2 Aug 1970–31 Mar 1972. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 17 Apr 1974–15 Apr 1976; 18 Aug–16 Sep 1976; 16 Apr 1976–27 Mar 1978; 1 Apr 1983–31 May 1985; 1 Mar 1989–28 Feb 1991. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 1 Apr 1966–31 Oct 1972.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 366th Operations Group prior to 1 Jan 1953.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. *World War II:* Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Decorations. Distinguished Unit Citation: Normandy, 11 Jul 1944. Citations in the Order of the Day, Belgian Army: 6 Jun–30 Sep 1944; 1 Oct–17 Dec 1944; 18 Dec 1944–15 Jan 1945. Belgian Fourragere.

Emblem

Gules, a pile Azure fimbriated Or between in base four flight symbols ascendant palewise two in dexter and two in sinister, one over one Argent, and bearing in honor point an escutcheon Vert charged with a fleur-de-lis between six crosses, three in dexter and three in sinister, all Or, within a bordure of the like and all within a diminished bordure of the last. Approved on 3 Aug 1965 (K&KE 17325); replaced emblem approved on 6 Oct 1954 (151490 A.C.). *Motto:* AUDENTES FORTUNA JUVAT—Fortune favors the bold. Approved on 6 Oct 1954.



374th Airlift Wing

Established as 374th Troop Carrier Wing, Heavy, on 10 Aug 1948. Activated on 17 Aug 1948. Inactivated on 1 Jul 1957. Redesignated 374th Troop Carrier Wing, and activated, on 27 Jun 1966. Organized on 8 Aug 1966. Redesignated: 374th Tactical Airlift Wing on 1 Aug 1967; 374th Airlift Wing on 1 Apr 1992.

Assignments

Marianas Air Materiel Area (Provisional), 17 Aug 1948 (attached to Twentieth Air Force, 17 Aug 1948–): Marianas Air Materiel Area, 1 Feb 1949 (remained attached to Twentieth Air Force to 5 Mar 1949); Fifth Air Force, 5 Mar 1949 (attached to 1st Troop Carrier Task Force [Provisional], 5–9 Sep 1950; Far East Air Forces Combat Cargo Command, Provisional, 10 Sep 1950–); 314th Air Division, 1 Dec 1950 (remained attached to Far East Air Forces Combat Cargo Command, Provisional, to 25 Jan 1951); 315th Air Division (Combat Cargo), 25 Jan 1951–1 Jul 1957. Pacific Air Forces, 27 Jun 1966; 315th Air Division (Combat Cargo), 8 Aug 1966; 313th Air Division, 1 Nov 1968; 327th Air Division, 31 May 1971; Thirteenth Air Force, 15 Nov 1973; Twenty-Second Air Force, 31 Mar 1975; 834th Airlift Division, 1 Oct 1978; Fifth Air Force, 1 Apr 1992–.

Components

Groups. 1st Troop Carrier Group, Medium (Provisional) (later, Troop Carrier Group [Medium], No. 1, Provisional): attached 26 Aug 1950–10 Jan 1951. 316th: 1 Oct 1978–1 Oct 1989. 374th Troop Carrier (later, 374th Operations): 17 Aug 1948–1 Jul 1957; 1 Apr 1992–.

Squadrons. 6th: attached 3 Feb 1956–1 Jul 1957. 7th Air Command and Control: 22 May 1974–31 Mar 1975 (detached). 13th Military Airlift: 1 Oct 1987–1 Apr 1992. 20th Operations (later, 20th Aeromedical Airlift): 31 Mar 1975–1 Apr 1992. 21st: attached 29 Jun 1951–28 Mar 1952; attached 3 Feb 1956–1 Jul 1957; assigned 8 Aug 1966–1 Apr 1992. 22d: attached 3 Feb 1956–1 Jul 1957. 35th: 8 Aug 1966–31 Mar 1971. 36th: attached 16 May–1 Sep 1972. 37th: attached 29 Nov 1972–28 Feb 1973. 38th: attached 1 Sep–29 Nov 1972. 41st: 8 Aug 1966–28 Feb 1971. Troop Carrier Squadron (Medium), No. 47, Provisional: attached 10–26 Jan 1951. 50th: assigned 31 May 1971–15 Aug 1973; attached 28 Apr–c. 6 Jun 1975. 61st: attached 16 May–1 Sep 1972. 345th: 31 May 1971–1 Oct 1978; 1 Oct 1989–1 Apr 1992. 772d: attached c. 10 May–6 Jun 1973. 773d: attached 28 Feb–c. 10 May 1973. 776th: 31 May 1971–31 Oct 1975. 815th: 1 Nov 1968–15 Dec 1969 (detached 1 Nov 1968–1 Apr 1969). 817th: 8 Aug 1966–15 Jun 1970. 1403d Military Airlift: 1 Oct 1989–1 Apr 1992. 6475th (later, 6037th) Flying Training: attached 25 Nov 1954–18 May 1955. 6485th Operations: attached 17 Sep 1956–1 Jul 1957. Units. 6142d Air Transport: attached 1 Aug–1 Oct 1950. 6143d Air Transport: attached 26 Jul–1 Oct 1950. 6144th Air Transport: attached 26 Jul–1 Oct 1950.

Detachments. Royal Thailand Air Force Detachment: attached 1953–1 Jul 1957.

Stations

Harmon AFB, Guam, 17 Aug 1948; Tachikawa (later, Tachikawa AB), Japan, 5 Mar 1949–1 Jul 1957. Naha AB, Okinawa, 8 Aug 1966; Ching Chaun Kang AB, Taiwan, 31 May 1971; Clark AB, Philippines, 15 Nov 1973; Yokota AB, Japan, 1 Oct 1989–.

Commanders

Col Charles K. Moore, 17 Aug 1948; Col James C. Jensen, Feb 1949; Col Troy W. Crawford, 19 Jun 1949; Col Charles W. Howe, Sep 1951; Col James W. Chapman, Jr., 9 Aug 1952; Col Adriel N. Williams, 1 Mar 1954; Col Francis W. Williams, 16 Jun 1956; Col James R. Haun, 22 Jun–1 Jul 1957. None (not manned), 27 Jun–7 Aug 1966; Col John R. Neal, 8 Aug 1966; Col Russell D. Crane, 16 Jun 1967; Brig Gen Kelton M. Farris, 25 Jan 1969; Col Noble F. Greenhill, Jr., 11 Jul 1970; Col Andrew P. Iosue, 31 May 1971; Col James I. Baginski, 18 May 1973; Col Albert M. Navas, 12 Feb 1975; Col James I. Baginski, 24 Apr 1975; Col Albert M. Navas, 1 Aug 1975; Col Gary G. Boettcher, 15 Aug 1977; Col Jimmy L. Maturo, 29 Aug 1977; Col James H. Mahew, 1 Oct 1978 (temporary); Col Browning C. Wharton, Jr., 31 Oct 1978; Col James W. Alexander, 27 Jun 1980; Col Frank E. Willis, 8 Jun 1981; Col Lowell G. Fathera, 11 Feb 1983; Col Frank Cardile, 27 Jun 1985; Col Robert Y. Foerster, 21 Apr 1988; Col George R. Durham, Jr., 25 Jul 1990; Brig Gen Michael J. McCarthy, 11 Jun 1992–.

Aircraft

C–54, 1948–1956, 1956–1957; C–46, 1949, 1950–1951, 1956–1957; C–47, 1951–1957; C–124, 1952–1957; C–119, 1951, 1956–1957; VB–17, 1951. C–130, 1966–1971; 1971–; C–9, 1975–1992, 1992–; C–12, 1984–; C–21, 1985–; UH–1, 1992–.

Operations

Operated Harmon Field, Guam, Aug 1948–Mar 1949, and provided troop carrier operations in the Pacific and Far East. Moved to Japan in Mar 1949, assuming control over Tachikawa (later, Tachikawa AB), operating this facility until 1 Jan 1956. Performed routine transport operations until the outbreak of war in Korea in Jun 1950. With assigned and attached components, performed combat airlift, airdrops, and aeromedical evacuation in Korea throughout the war. Also flew courier flights throughout the Pacific area. Transported the first of several groups of repatriated prisoners of war from

Korea to Japan in Apr 1953 (Operation Little Switch), and subsequently transported United Nations prisoners of war (Operation Big Switch) from North Korea. Following hostilities, the wing resumed its normal troop carrier and airlift operations in the Far East and Pacific area, including participation in tactical exercises and humanitarian missions. Operated in Indo-China in 1954, flying in observers, maintenance personnel, and liaison officers and evacuating wounded French troops. Trained C-46 pilots of the Japanese Air Self Defense Force, Nov 1954–May 1955. On 1 Jul 1957, transferred to Military Air Transport Service and inactivated, replaced in part by 1503d Air Transport Wing. Nine years later, in Aug 1966, replaced the 6315th Operations Group at Naha AB, Okinawa, and assumed a mission heavily involved in airlift to Southeast Asia, as well as intra-theater airlift for elements of the Pacific Command. In addition, the wing supported Army Special Forces training, participated in tactical exercises, and flew search and rescue and humanitarian missions as needed. The wing phased down for inactivation in early 1971, and from 27 Apr to 31 May had no aircraft. On 31 May, the wing replaced the 314th Tactical Airlift Wing in Taiwan. Saved from inactivation and revived with new resources, the 374th remained heavily committed in support of operations in Southeast Asia, and also continued routine airlift in other areas. One of the wing's humanitarian missions—flood relief in the Philippines—earned it a Philippine Republic Presidential Unit Citation in 1972. The wing provided support in Mar 1973 for Operation Homecoming, the repatriation of American prisoners from Hanoi, North Vietnam. The wing maintained a forward operating location in Thailand until mid-1976, and was quite active in that area. It took part in Operation Baby Lift (evacuation of Vietnam orphans) and Operation New Life (evacuation of Vietnamese refugees) in Apr 1975. During the recovery of the *SS Mayaguez* from the Cambodians in May 1975, a wing aircraft dropped a 15,000-lb bomb on Koh Tang Island to create a helicopter landing area. The wing became part of the Military Airlift Command on 31 Mar 1975, at which time it gained an aeromedical airlift mission in the Far East. In Oct 1978, gained a tactical airlift group to control the wing's units in Japan and South Korea. Controlled aerial port facilities in South Korea until Nov 1983, and then in the Philippines and Japan. Began supporting US Navy elements in the Indian Ocean area in 1980. Deployed C-130s, associated aircrews and support personnel for operations in Southwest Asia, 30 Dec 1990–6 Jul 1991. Provided airlift and aeromedical airlift for the evacuation of Clark AB, Philippines, after the eruption of Mt. Pinatubo, 8 Jun–1 Jul 1991. Returned to control of Pacific Air Forces in Apr 1992.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

Korea: UN Defensive; UN Offensive; CCF Intervention; First UN Counteroffensive; CCF Spring Offensive; UN Summer-Fall Offensive; Second Korean Winter; Korea Summer-Fall, 1952; Third Korean Winter; Korea Summer, 1953.

Decorations

Presidential Unit Citation: Vietnam, 8 Aug 1967–7 Aug 1968. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat “V” Device: 12 Feb–17 May 1975. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 8 Aug 1966–7 Aug 1967; 1 Jul 1983–30 Jun 1985. Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation: 1 Jul 1951–27 Jul 1953. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 1 Apr 1966–28 Jan 1973. Philippine Republic Presidential Unit Citation: 21 Jul–15 Aug 1972.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display the honors earned by the 374th Operations Group prior to 17 Aug 1948.

Service Streamers: None.

Campaign Streamers: World War II: Air Offensive, Japan; Papua; New Guinea; Northern Solomons; Bismarck Archipelago; Western Pacific; Leyte; Luzon; Southern Philippines.

Decorations: Distinguished Unit Citations: Papua, [Nov] 1942–23 Jan 1943; Papua, 12 Nov–22 Dec 1942; Wau, New Guinea, 30 Jan–1 Feb 1943. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation.

Emblem

Per bend Azure and Or, in chief a hand couped in armour, holding a dagger, point upward, issuing from its handle an arrow and a wheat stalk Or, in base a winged foot Azure, all within a diminished bordure of the second. *Motto:* CELERITER PUGNARE—Swiftly to fight. Approved for 374th Group on 3 Jul 1951 and for 374th Wing on 20 Dec 1951 (K 6291).



375th Airlift Wing

Established as 375th Troop Carrier Wing, Medium, on 10 May 1949. Activated in the Reserve on 27 Jun 1949. Ordered to active service on 15 Oct 1950. Inactivated on 14 Jul 1952. Activated in the Reserve on 14 Jul 1952. Inactivated on 16 Nov 1957. Redesignated 375th Aeromedical Airlift Wing, and activated, on 27 Dec 1965. Organized on 12 Jan 1966. Redesignated: 375th Military Airlift Wing on 30 Mar 1990; 375th Airlift Wing on 1 Dec 1991.

Assignments

Ninth Air Force, 27 Jun 1949; First Air Force, 1 Aug 1950; Tactical Air Command, 16 Oct 1950; Eighteenth Air Force, 1 Jun 1951–14 Jul 1952. 1st Air Reserve District, 14 Jul 1952; First Air Force, 14 Jan 1954–16 Nov 1957. Military Air Transport Service (later, Military Airlift Command), 27 Dec 1965; Twenty-Third Air Force, 1 Jan 1984; Twenty-Second Air Force, 1 Feb 1990; Fifteenth Air Force, 1 Jul 1993–.

Components

Groups. 171st: 13 May–12 Dec 1968. 375th Troop Carrier (later, 375th Operations): 27 Jun 1949–14 Jul 1952; 14 Jul 1952–16 Nov 1957; 1 Dec 1991–.

Squadrons. 10th: 12 Jan 1966–8 Mar 1969. 11th Aeromedical Airlift: 12 Jan 1966–1 Dec 1991. 12th: 12 Jan 1966–8 Jun 1969. 13th: 12 Jan 1966–8 Dec 1968. 1375th Flying Training: 1 May 1984–1 Dec 1991. 1400th Military Airlift: 15 Mar 1978–1 Dec 1991. 1401st Military Airlift: 15 Mar 1978–1 Dec 1991. 1402d Military Airlift: 15 Mar 1978–1 Dec 1991. 1467th Facility Checking: 1 Oct 1987–1 Oct 1991.

Stations

Greater Pittsburgh Aprt, PA, 27 Jun 1949; Greenville (later, Donaldson) AFB, SC, 16 Oct 1950–14 Jul 1952. Pittsburgh, PA, 14 Jul 1952–16 Nov 1957. Scott AFB, IL, 12 Jan 1966–.

Commanders

Brig Gen Emil H. Molthan, 27 Jun 1949–unkn; Col William S. Johnston, 14 Sep 1949; Lt Col Stanley V. Fowler, c. Aug 1950; Col Lance Call, Sep 1950; Col Glynne M. Jones, 3 Mar 1952; Brig Gen Franklin Rose, 22 May–14 Jul 1952. Col Arthur R. Anderson, 14 Jul 1952; Col Jack R. Adams, Mar 1953; Col Albert B. Starr, 1 Sep 1955–16 Nov 1957. None (not manned), 27 Dec 1965–11 Jan 1966; Col William E. Nix, 12 Jan 1966; Col Felix G. Brenner, 3 Aug 1966; Col Harry L. Waesche, 6 Sep 1966; Col Robert L. Moeller, 1 Oct 1968; Col John W. Self, 1 Nov 1969; Col Muller L. Jones, 13 May 1971; Col Frank W. Contestable, 24 May 1971; Col Charles C. Iriens, 31 May 1974; Col Paul A. Bergerot, 30 Jun 1975; Col Hubert S. Diamond, 29 Jan 1976; Col John A. Doglione, 9 Jun 1978; Col Bruce M. Purvine, 22 May 1981; Col John E. Massingale, 10 Jun 1982; Col Louis V. Pelini, 25 May 1984; Col Richard B. Fowler II, 22 Oct 1986; Col Bobbie L. Mitchell, 31 May 1988; Col Walter S. Hogle, Jr., 11 Oct 1989; Col Robert J. Boots, 8 Jun 1990; Brig Gen Dwight M. Kealoha, 30 Oct 1991–.

Aircraft

T–6, 1949–1950; T–7, 1949–1951; T–11, 1949–1951; C–46, 1949–1950; C–82, 1950–1952; C–45, 1951. C–46, 1952–1955; C–119, 1954–1957. C–118, 1966–1969; C–131, 1966–1969; C–121, 1968; C–9, 1968–; CT–39, 1978–1985; C–12, 1984–; C–21, 1984–; C–140, 1987–1990; C–29, 1990–1991.

Operations

Reserve flying training, Jun 1949–Oct 1950. On active duty, wing participated in troop carrier/airlift operations, paratroop drops, and other exercises, Oct 1950–Jul 1952. Reserve training, Jul 1952–Nov 1957. Conducted domestic aeromedical airlift/evacuation operations in the United States, Alaska, and off-shore areas of the North Atlantic and the Caribbean from Jan 1966 for the Air Force, other Department of Defense agencies, the US Public Health Service, and the Veterans Administration (VA), augmented by aircraft of ANG (1968) and other MAC units. Trained personnel of ANG and Reserve in aeromedical evacuation. Between Jan 1966 and Apr 1975 wing maintained and scheduled support aircraft at Scott AFB, IL, and from Aug 1966 to Apr 1975, wing used mostly aircrews from other Scott-based units to provide scheduled air shuttle/courier service to the east and west coasts. From Jan 1966 to Sep 1968 and since Jun 1973, wing operated and maintained Scott AFB. Airlifted more than 700 VA hospital patients from Biloxi and Gulfport, MS, to safety during Hurricane Camille in Aug 1969; during Project Homecoming in early 1973 the wing flew 119 sorties to airlift some 350 US POWs to 26 hospitals in the United States. In Oct 1973, served as an aeromedical evacuation center established under wing control at Scott AFB, IL, assumed the functions previously handled by smaller centers at Scott, McGuire AFB, NJ, and Travis AFB, CA. In Apr 1975, when the aeromedical evacuation support units in Germany and the Far East came under wing control, the wing became the single-point manager for worldwide DOD aeromedical evacuation services. Evacuated wounded during the invasion of Grenada, 24 Oct–9 Nov 1983. Transported 350 wounded Afghan citizens to hospitals in the United States, May–Dec 1987. Controlled a Facility Checking Squadron, Oct 1987–Sep 1991, which inspected DOD navigation aids and radar facilities worldwide. Operated and maintained an aeromedical evacuation system on a rotational basis in Southwest Asia, Sep 1990–Apr 1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Grenada, 1983.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: [12]–31 Jan 1966; 19–20 Aug 1969; 20 Aug 1969–30 Jun 1971; 24 Jul 1975–23 Jul 1977; 1 Jul 1981–30 Jun 1983; 1 Jul 1986–31 Jul 1988.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 375th Operations Group prior to 27 Jun 1949.

Service Streamers: None.

Campaign Streamers: World War II: Air Offensive, Japan; New Guinea; Northern Solomons; Bismarck Archipelago; Western Pacific; Leyte; Luzon; Southern Philippines; Ryukyus.

Decorations: Philippine Presidential Unit Citation.

Emblem

Gules, a pile reversed throughout Celeste overall an eagle displayed with wings inverted Or, grasping in both talons a globe of the second gridlined bendwise Argent, all within a diminished bordure of the third. *Motto:* DESUPER ADUIMENTUM—HELP FROM ABOVE. Approved on 31 Jan 1966 (K 10638); replaced emblem approved on 12 Feb 1952.



377th Air Base Wing

Established as 377th Combat Support Group, activated, and organized, on 8 Apr 1966.

Redesignated 377th Air Base Wing on 17 Jan 1972. Inactivated on 28 Mar 1973.

Redesignated 377th Combat Support Wing on 1 Jun 1985. Activated on 14 Jun 1985.

Inactivated on 1 May 1991. Redesignated 377th Air Base Wing, and activated, on 1 Jan 1993.

Assignments

Seventh Air Force, 8 Apr 1966–28 Mar 1973. 316th Air Division, 14 Jun 1985–1 May 1991. Space and Missile Systems Center, 1 Jan 1993–.

Components

Squadrons. 8th Special Operations: assigned 15 Jan–1 Oct 1972; attached 12–25 Oct 1972. 9th Special Operations: attached 12 Jan–29 Feb 1972. 21st Tactical Air Support: 15 Mar 1972–23 Feb 1973. 310th Tactical Airlift: 15 Jan–15 Nov 1972. 360th Tactical Electronic Warfare: 1 Feb–24 Nov 1972. 6252d Operations: 10 Jun 1966–1 Jan 1967.

Stations

Tan Son Nhut AB, South Vietnam, 8 Apr 1966–28 Mar 1973. Ramstein AB, Germany, 14 Jun 1985–1 May 1991. Kirtland AFB, NM, 1 Jan 1993–.

Commanders

Col George Budway, 8 Apr 1966; Col Grover K. Coe, 8 Oct 1966; Col Farley E. Peebles, 4 Oct 1967; Col Benjamin B. Shields, 26 Jul 1968; Col Frank E. Marek, (by Sep) 1969; Col Harold E. Hobbs, 31 Jul 1970; Col Charles D. Gunn, Jr., 10 Jul 1971; Col David A. Odell, 27 Jun 1972–28 Mar 1973. Col Leslie A. Hobgood, 14 Jun 1985; Col Eugene A. Lupia, 28 Jul 1986; Col William D. Eckert, 15 Jun 1988; Col Adelbert W. Carpenter, 12 Jan 1990–1 May 1991. Brig Gen James L. Higham, 1 Jan 1993–.

Aircraft

C/VC–47, 1966, 1972–1973; VC–54, 1966; VC–123, 1966, 1972; C/VC–118, 1972–1973; T–39, 1972–1973; A–37, 1972; C–123, 1972; C–7, 1972; EC–47, 1972; O–2, 1972–1973.

Operations

Replaced 6250th Combat Support Group in Apr 1966. Responsible for operation and maintenance of USAF portion of Tan Son Nhut AB, South Vietnam, Apr 1966–Mar 1973. Responsibilities included housing numerous tenant organizations including Seventh Air Force, base defense, and liaison with South Vietnamese Air Force. Underwent numerous enemy attacks. Further responsible for Binh Thuy AB, South Vietnam, 12 May–1 Jul 1970. Provided support for Seventh Air Force flying operations with C–47, C–123, and C–54 aircraft, Jun–Dec 1966. In Sep 1971, again became responsible for supporting base flight T–39, C–54, C–47, C–118, as well as C–130 aircraft

of 834th Air Division. Elevated to Air Base Wing in Jan 1972 and gained a tactical mission and combat units. Operated the Southeast Asia Central Instructor Pilots School, in which the 360th TEWS used C/EC–47s, 15 Feb–c. Nov 1972. Operated a Combat Crew Training School at Phu Cat, South Vietnam, with C–7 aircraft, 15 Mar–Oct 1972. Resumed base flight operations at Tan Son Nhut in Jan 1972, operating and maintaining C–47, C–118, and T–39 aircraft. With the 8th Special Operations Squadron (A–37s), performed strike missions, Jan–Oct 1972; the 9th Special Operations Squadron (O–2s and C–47s) conducted psychological warfare operations, Jan–Feb 1972; the 21st Tactical Air Support Squadron (Light) conducted air liaison and forward air control operations, Mar 1972–28 Jan 1973; the 310th Tactical Airlift Squadron (C/UC–123s, Jan–Jun 1972 and C–7s, Mar–Oct 1972) performed airlift and airdrop missions, Jan–Oct 1972; the 360th Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron (C/EC–47s) conducted airborne radio-direction finding operations, Feb–Nov 1972, and psychological warfare operations, Feb–Aug 1972. Established an operating location of the wing headquarters at Bien Hoa AB, South Vietnam, on 14 Apr 1972, to provide turn-around service for F–4s of other organizations. It was replaced on 20 Jun 1972 by Detachment 1 of the wing headquarters, which continued the F–4 turn-around service and added A–7 turn-around service on 30 Oct 1972. The detachment continued operations through 11 Feb 1973. Wing phased down for inactivation, Feb–Mar 1973, transferring many assets to South Vietnamese Air Force. Replaced the 86th Combat Support Group at Ramstein AB, Germany, on 14 Jun 1985. Provided support services for Ramstein and other locations in the Kaiserslautern military community and beyond, 1985–1991. Activated as host wing at Kirtland AFB on 1 Jan 1993.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

Vietnam: Vietnam Air; Vietnam Air Offensive; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; TET 69/Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer-Fall, 1969; Vietnam Winter-Spring, 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon; Commando Hunt V; Commando Hunt VI; Commando Hunt VII; Vietnam Ceasefire.

Air Force Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat “V” Device: 8 Apr 1966–31 May 1967; 31 Jan–31 Mar 1968; 1 Apr 1969–31 Mar 1971; 17 Jan 1972–28 Mar 1973. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 14 Jun 1985–13 Jun 1987; 1 May 1989–30 Apr 1991. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: [8] Apr 1966–28 Jan 1973.

Emblem

Light Blue, a bend triparted Gules, Argent, and Azure, between in chief a flight symbol of the last fimbriated Argent, emitting a vapor trail fesswise to sinister chief, and bend sinisterwise to base passing under the triparted bend all Azure, and in base a plate rimmed and gridlined Azure surmounted by a tiger’s head affronte couped Or garnished Brown and Argent with mouth Gules; all within a diminished bordure Or. Approved on 17 Jul 1967 and slightly revised on 28 Feb 1995. (KE 26175). *Motto*: SERVING FREEDOM’S FINEST. Approved on 31 Jul 1969.



388th Fighter Wing

Established as 388th Fighter-Day Wing on 23 Mar 1953. Redesignated 388th Fighter-Bomber Wing on 5 Nov 1953. Activated on 23 Nov 1953. Inactivated on 10 Dec 1957. Redesignated 388th Tactical Fighter Wing, and activated, on 1 May 1962. Organized on 1 Oct 1962. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 8 Feb 1964. Activated on 14 Mar 1966. Organized on 8 Apr 1966. Redesignated 388th Fighter Wing on 1 Oct 1991.

Assignments

Ninth Air Force, 23 Nov 1953; Twelfth Air Force, 12 Dec 1954–10 Dec 1957. Tactical Air Command, 1 May 1962; Twelfth Air Force, 1 Oct 1962–8 Feb 1964. Pacific Air Forces, 14 Mar 1966; Thirteenth Air Force, 8 Apr 1966 (attached to Seventh Air Force, 8 Apr 1966–14 Feb 1973; US Support Activities Group, Seventh Air Force, 15 Feb 1973–c. 30 Jun 1975); 17th Air Division, 1 Jul 1975; Twelfth Air Force, 23 Dec 1975–.

Components

Group. 388th Fighter-Bomber (later, 388th Operations): 23 Nov 1953–10 Dec 1957; 1 Dec 1991–.

Squadrons. 3d: 15 Mar 1973–15 Dec 1975. 4th: 23 Dec 1975–1 Dec 1991 (detached 28 Aug 1990–27 Mar 1991). 7th Airborne Command Control: 30 Apr 1972–22 May 1974. 13th: attached 15 May 1966–20 Oct 1967. 16th Special Operations: attached 19 Jul 1974–8 Dec 1975. 16th Tactical Fighter Training (later, 16th Tactical Fighter): 1 Jan 1979–30 Jun 1986. 17th Wild Weasel: 1 Dec 1971–15 Nov 1974. 34th: attached 15 May 1966–14 Mar 1971, assigned 15 Mar 1971–1 Dec 1991. 35th: attached c. 12 Jun–c. 10 Oct 1972. 42d Tactical Electronic Warfare: attached c. 21 Sep–14 Oct 1970, assigned 15 Oct 1970–15 Mar 1974. 44th: 25 Apr 1967–15 Oct 1969 (detached 10–15 Oct 1969). 421st: 8 Apr 1966–25 Apr 1967; 23 Dec 1975–1 Dec 1991 (detached 9–23 Aug 1977 and 28 Aug 1990–27 Mar 1991). 469th: 8 Apr 1966–31 Oct 1972. 553d Reconnaissance: 15 Dec 1970–31 Dec 1971. 560th: 1 Oct 1962–8 Feb 1964. 561st: attached 1 Jul–10 Dec 1957; assigned 1 Oct 1962–8 Feb 1964. 562d: attached 1 Jul–10 Dec 1957; assigned 1 Oct 1962–8 Feb 1964. 563d: attached 1 Jul–10 Dec 1957; assigned 1 Oct 1962–8 Feb 1964. 6010th Wild Weasel: 1 Nov 1970–1 Dec 1971.

Stations

Clovis AFB, NM, 23 Nov 1953–28 Nov 1954; Etain-Rouvres AB, France, 12 Dec 1954–10 Dec 1957. McConnell AFB, KS, 1 Oct 1962–8 Feb 1964. Korat RTAFB, Thailand, 8 Apr 1966–23 Dec 1975; Hill AFB, UT, 23 Dec 1975–.

Commanders

Lt Col Thomas O. Crandall, 23 Nov 1953; Col Clayton L. Peterson, 15 Dec 1953; Col Harold J. Whiteman, 11 Jan 1954; Brig Gen James F. Whisenand, 23 Feb 1954; Col Harold J. Whiteman, 22 Feb 1955; Col Joseph L. Dickman, 1 Jul 1956–10 Dec 1957. None (not manned), 1 May–30 Sep 1962; Col

Richard C. Banbury, 1 Oct 1962; Col Olin E. Gilbert, 1 Oct 1963–8 Feb 1964. None (not manned), 14 Mar–7 Apr 1966; Col Monroe S. Sams, 8 Apr 1966; Brig Gen William S. Chairsell, c. 17 Aug 1966; Col Edward B. Burdett, 1 Aug 1967; Col Jack C. Berger, 18 Nov 1967; Col Neil J. Graham, 22 Nov 1967; Col Norman P. Phillips, 19 Jan 1968; Col Paul P. Douglas, Jr., 24 Jan 1968; Col Allen K. McDonald, 23 Jul 1968; Col Paul P. Douglas, Jr., 19 Aug 1968; Col Allen K. McDonald, 15 Dec 1968; Col John A. Nelson, 11 Jun 1969; Col James M. Breedlove, 5 Dec 1969; Col Ivan H. Dethman, 30 Jun 1970; Col Irby B. Jarvis, Jr., 1 Aug 1970; Col Webb Thompson, 26 Jul 1971; Col Stanley M. Umstead, Jr., 15 Dec 1971; Col Richard E. Markling, 5 Aug 1972; Col Mele Vojvodich, Jr., 25 Jan 1973; Col Robert K. Crouch, 1 Jul 1973; Col Thomas H. Normile, 3 Jan 1974; Col John P. Russell, 3 Jul 1974; Col Neil L. Eddins, 11 Jul 1975; Col Robert L. Rodee, 19 Apr 1977; Brig Gen Davis C. Rohr, 3 Aug 1977; Col William T. Tolbert, 31 Aug 1979; Col Jerauld R. Gentry, 11 Aug 1980; Col Dawson R. O'Neill, 6 Aug 1981; Col Peter T. Kempf, 20 May 1982; Col Charles C. Helton, 14 Feb 1983; Col James F. Record, 5 May 1984; Col James M. Johnston III, 23 Sep 1985; Col Lawrence E. Boese, 6 Oct 1986; Col Charles R. Heflebower, 21 Apr 1988; Col Michael Navarro, 7 Jun 1990; Col James E. Sandstrom, 27 Apr 1992–.

Aircraft

F–86, 1954–1957; F–100, 1957. F–100, 1962–1964; F–105, 1963–1964. F–105, 1966–1969, 1970–1974; F–4, 1968–1975, 1976–1980; EB–66, 1970–1974; EC–121, 1970–1971; C–130, 1972–1974; A–7, 1973–1975; AC–130, 1974–1975; F–16, 1979–.

Operations

Trained as a fighter-bomber wing in New Mexico, Feb–Oct 1954. Moved to four European bases in Nov–Dec 1954. Participated in NATO operations and exercises, Dec 1954–Dec 1957. Replaced by 49th Fighter-Bomber Wing in Dec 1957. Trained with F–100s and F–105s at McConnell AFB, KS, and Nellis AFB, NV, Oct 1962–Jan 1964. Replaced by 23d Tactical Fighter Wing in Feb 1964. Replaced 6234th Tactical Fighter Wing in Thailand in Apr 1966. Flew combat missions in Southeast Asia, 8 Apr 1966–15 Aug 1973, initially with F–105s and later with F–4s. Primarily flew interdiction, direct air support, armed reconnaissance and fighter escort missions. In 1967 concentrated on key logistical and industrial targets in North Vietnam. Added a variety of other special-purpose aircraft and related missions as the war progressed. Following the final ceasefire in Aug 1973, entered into intensive training

program to maintain combat readiness and continued to fly electronic surveillance and intelligence missions. Provided air cover and escort during the evacuation of Americans from Phnom Penh, Cambodia, and of Americans and selected Vietnamese from Saigon, South Vietnam, in Apr 1975. Participated in the rescue of the crew and recovery of the *SS Mayaguez* from the Cambodians in May 1975. Ceased all aircraft operations on 28 Nov 1975 and moved in name only to Hill AFB, Utah, on 23 Dec 1975, replacing a holding unit—Det 1, HQ 67th Combat Support Group. Received F-4s in Jan 1976 and participated in training missions in numerous exercises in a variety of offensive tactical situations. First wing to be equipped with the F-16 Fighting Falcon, on 6 Jan 1979. During initial stages of conversion, trained F-16 instructor pilots and provided replacement training for new F-16 pilots. Thereafter trained for war readiness at US and NATO locations. Won the USAF Worldwide Gunsmoke Fighter Gunnery Meet in 1987. Deployed two squadrons to Southwest Asia for training and combat operations, 28 Aug 1990–27 Mar 1991. A number of wing aircraft deployed to Spain as attrition reserves, Jan–Dec 1991; later, deployed to Southwest Asia to protect Coalition assets and ensure that Iraq complied with treaty terms, Dec 1991. Conducted and participated in various tactical exercises, in air-to-ground and air-to-air roles, worldwide.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

Vietnam: Vietnam Air; Vietnam Air Offensive; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air/Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; TET 69/Counter-offensive; Vietnam Summer-Fall, 1969; Vietnam Winter-Spring, 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon; Commando Hunt V; Commando Hunt VI; Commando Hunt VII; Vietnam Ceasefire. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Presidential Unit Citation: Southeast Asia, 10 Mar–1 May 1967. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat “V” Device: 29–30 Jun 1966; 1 Jul 1966–30 Jun 1967; 1 Jul 1967–30 Jun 1968; 1 Jul 1968–15 Sep 1969; 10 Oct 1970–20 May 1971; 18 Dec 1972–15 Aug 1973; 15 Oct 1974–12 May 1975;

13–15 May 1975. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Oct 1986–30 Apr 1988; 1 May 1991–30 Apr 1993; 1 May 1991–30 Apr 1993. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 8 Apr 1966–28 Jan 1973.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 388th Operations Group prior to 23 Nov 1953.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Decorations. Distinguished Unit Citations: Germany, 17 Aug 1943; Hanover, Germany (26 Jul 1943), Brux, Czechoslovakia (12 May 1944), and from England to Russia (21 Jun 1944).

Emblem

Per bend Azure and Gules, on a bend Or, a lightning flash Sable all within a diminished bordure Yellow. *Motto:* LIBERTAS VEL MORS—Liberty or death. Approved on 11 Mar 1955 (K 9049).



412th Test Wing

Established as 412th Fighter Group (Single Engine) on 20 Nov 1943. Activated on 29 Nov 1943. Inactivated on 3 Jul 1946. Redesignated 412th Fighter Group (Air Defense) on 20 Jun 1955. Activated on 18 Aug 1955. Discontinued on 1 Apr 1960. Redesignated 412th Tactical Fighter Group on 31 Jul 1985 but remained inactive. Consolidated (1 Oct 1992) with 6510th Test Wing, which was established, and activated, on 1 Mar 1978. Redesignated 412th Test Wing on 2 Oct 1992.

Assignments

IV Fighter Command, 29 Nov 1943; 321st Wing, 3 Dec 1945; IV Fighter Command, 28 Jan 1946; Tactical Air Command, 21 Mar 1946; Twelfth Air Force, 15 May–3 Jul 1946. 4708th Air Defense Wing, 18 Aug 1955; 30th Air Division, 8 Jul 1956–1 Apr 1960 (attached to Detroit Air Defense Sector, 1 Apr 1959–1 Apr 1960). Air Force Flight Test Center, 1 Mar 1978–.

Components

Groups. 412th Operations: 1 Oct 1993–. 6545th (later, 545th) Test: 1 Jan 1979–. 6510th (later, 412th) Test: 10 Mar 1989–.

Squadrons. 18th Fighter-Interceptor: 20 Aug 1957–1 Apr 1960. 29th: 21 Jul 1944–3 Jul 1946. 31st Fighter (later, 31st Fighter-Interceptor): 19 Aug 1944–3 Jul 1946; 8 Jun 1956–20 Aug 1957. 39th Photo (later, 39th Tactical) Reconnaissance: attached 5 Nov 1945–3 Jul 1946. 445th Fighter (later, 445th Fighter-Interceptor): 18 Mar 1944–3 Jul 1946; 18 Aug 1955–1 Apr 1960. 6510th (later, 410th) Test: 10 Mar 1989–1 Oct 1993. 6511th Test: 1 Mar–1 Jul 1978. 6511th (later, 411th) Test: 10 Mar 1989–1 Oct 1993. 6512th (later, 445th) Test: 1 Mar 1978–1 Oct 1993. 6513th (later, 413th) Test: 1 Mar 1978–1 Oct 1993. 6514th Test: 1 Mar 1978–1 Jan 1979. 6515th (later, 415th) Test: 10 Mar 1989–1 Oct 1993. 6516th (later, 416th) Test: 10 Mar 1989–1 Oct 1993. 6517th (later, 417th) Test: 10 Mar 1989–1 Oct 1993. 6518th (later, 418th) Test: 10 Mar 1989–1 Oct 1993. 6519th (later, 419th) Test: 10 Mar 1989–1 Oct 1993.

School. USAF Test Pilot: 1 Mar 1978–.

Flight. 11th Crash-Rescue Boat: 18 Aug 1955–8 Dec 1956.

Stations

Muroc, CA, 29 Nov 1943; Palmdale AAFld, CA, 1 Jun 1944; Bakersfield Mun Arpt, CA, 11 Oct 1944; Santa Maria AAFld, CA, 10 Jul 1945; March Field, CA, c. 29 Nov 1945–3 Jul 1946. Wurtsmith AFB, MI, 18 Aug 1955–1 Apr 1960. Edwards AFB, CA, 1 Mar 1978–.

Commanders

Capt Brunner R. Coke, 29 Nov 1943; Maj John W. Mitchell, Dec 1943; Col Homer A. Boushey, 11 Jan 1944; Col David L. Hill, 29 Sep 1945; Col Bruce K. Holloway, 30 Jan–3 Jul 1946. Col Ralph A. Taylor, Jr., c. 18 Aug 1955; Col Thomas N. Wilson, Aug 1956; Col Clifford F. MaComber, 15 Jul 1959–1 Apr 1960. Brig Gen William T. Twinting, 1 Mar 1978; Col Norman L. Suits, 28 Jun 1980; Col Michael D. Hall, 4 Aug 1980; Col Kenneth E. Staton,

4 Aug 1983; Col Richard M. Cooper, 27 Jan 1986; Col Roy D. Bridges, 21 May 1986; Col Vernon P. Saxon, Jr., 24 Mar 1989; Col Richard L. Engel, 22 Jan 1992–.

Aircraft

Tested a wide variety of AAF aircraft, 1943–1946. F–89, 1955–1960; T–33, 1955–1960; F/TF–102, 1956–1960; F–101, 1959–1960. From 1978 tested various aircraft types, including A–7, A–10, A–37, B–1, B–2, B–52, C–17, C–23, C/AC/MC/DC/HC/NC–130, NC–131, F–4, F–15, F–16, F–111, HH–60A, HH–53, KC–135, NT–33, T–38, and T–46.

Operations

The 412th Fighter Group, first US jet fighter group to be activated, spent most of its early existence in experimental testing of the P–59A and P–80 aircraft. Developed training programs and trained aircrew and ground personnel as cadres for newly formed jet aircraft-equipped units. Inactivated 3 Jul 1946. Activated at Wurtsmith AFB, MI on 18 Aug 1955 with an air defense mission. Initially equipped with F–89 aircraft, the group added F–102s to its inventory in 1956 and F–101s in 1959. Inactivated on 1 Apr 1960. From 1 Mar 1978, the wing managed flight operations for the Air Force Flight Test Center at Edwards AFB, CA. Using a mixed fleet of support aircraft, annually tested both experimental and USAF inventory aircraft, as well as others on loan from US government agencies and foreign governments. Component systems flight-testing included weapons and ordnance, avionics and sensors, flight controls, and aircrew life-support equipment. Operated the Air Force Test Pilot School, training students from around the world. Performed free-flight testing of the Space Transportation System (STS) for NASA, 1978–1980, and in Apr 1981 recovered the shuttle “Columbia” following the first-ever orbital mission of a reusable spacecraft. Continued to provide alternate landing site services for STS recovery. Deployed support personnel and equipment to Southwest Asia, Aug 1990–Mar 1991. While deployed, performed tests on radar and weapons system accuracy. Transitioned into an objective test wing in 1992 to enhance its mission of air vehicle development, testing, and evaluation.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jan 1983–31 Dec 1984; 1 Jan 1985–31 Dec 1986.

Emblem

Per bend Celeste and Sable a demi-plate issuant in sinister base, a flight symbol in dexter chief ascending bendwise Argent between a lightning flash bendwise in dexter and a mullet in sinister chief Or: and issuing a contrail arcing to base Gules garnished Yellow surmounting a cloud outline of the first all within a diminished bordure Gold. Approved on 22 May 1957 (157263 AC) and slightly modified on 15 Jun 1994.



436th Airlift Wing

Established as 436th Troop Carrier Wing, Medium, on 10 May 1949. Activated in the Reserve on 27 Jun 1949. Ordered to active service on 1 Apr 1951. Inactivated on 16 Apr 1951. Activated in the Reserve on 18 May 1955. Inactivated on 15 May 1958. Redesignated 436th Military Airlift Wing, and activated, on 27 Dec 1965. Organized on 8 Jan 1966. Redesignated 436th Airlift Wing on 1 Dec 1991.

Assignments

Ninth Air Force, 27 Jun 1949; First Air Force, 1 Aug 1950–16 Apr 1951. First Air Force, 18 May 1955; Fourteenth Air Force, 25 Mar–15 May 1958. Military Air Transport Service (later, Military Airlift Command), 27 Dec 1965; Twenty-First Air Force, 8 Jan 1966–.

Components

Group. 436th Troop Carrier (later, 436th Operations): 27 Jun 1949–16 Apr 1951; 18 May 1955–15 May 1958; 1 Dec 1991–.

Squadrons. 1st: 8 Jan 1966–30 Jun 1971. 3d: 1 Aug 1973–1 Dec 1991. 9th: 8 Jan 1966–8 Sep 1968; 1 Apr 1971–1 Dec 1991. 20th: 8 Jan 1966–1 Aug 1973. 31st: 8 Jan 1966–8 Apr 1969; 1 Oct 1989–1 Dec 1991. 39th: 8 Jan 1966–31 Mar 1971. 52d: 8 Jan 1967–8 Feb 1969 (detached). 58th: 1 Jul 1966–15 Aug 1971.

Stations

Godman AFB, KY, 27 Jun 1949; Standiford Muni Aprt (later, Standiford Field), KY, 20 Oct 1950–16 Apr 1951. New York NAS (later, USNAS, New York), NY, 18 May 1955–15 May 1958. Dover AFB, DE, 8 Jan 1966–.

Commanders

Brig Gen Albert M. Woody, 27 Jun 1949–16 Apr 1951. Col Peyton Gibson, 18 May 1955; Col Michael P. Yannell, 1 Feb–c. 14 Nov 1957; none (not manned), 15 Nov 1957–15 May 1958. None (not manned), 27 Dec 1965–7 Jan 1966; Brig Gen John B. Wallace, 8 Jan 1966; Brig Gen Fred W. Vetter, Jr., 29 Jan 1969; Col Horace W. Patch, c. 10 Feb 1969; Brig Gen Fred W. Vetter, Jr., 6 Mar 1969; Brig Gen Kelton M. Farris, 1 Aug 1970; Col Willum H. Spillers, Jr., 24 Aug 1972; Brig Gen Charles F. G. Kuyk, Jr., 11 Jun 1973; Brig Gen Click D. Smith, Jr., 3 Apr 1975; Col William J. Mall, Jr., 15 May 1978; Col Archer L. Durham, 26 Feb 1979; Col Albert C. Guidotti, 14 Feb 1980; Col Paul A. Harvey, 26 Jan 1982; Col William H. Sistrunk, 17 Feb 1983; Col Walter Kross, 14 Jan 1985; Col Albert W. Estes, 17 Jun 1987; Col Floyd K. Tedrow, 26 Feb 1988; Col William J. Begert, 14 Sep 1989; Col Michael A. Moffitt, 1 Jun 1990; Col William Welser III, 21 Aug 1992–.

Aircraft

C–45, 1949; T–7, 1949–1951; T–11, 1949–1951; C–47, 1949–1951. T–28, 1955; T–33, 1955; C–45, 1955–1957; C–46, 1955–1957; C–119, 1957. C–124, 1966–1969; C–133, 1966–1971; C–141, 1966–1973; C–5, 1971–.

Operations

Trained as a Reserve troop carrier wing Jun 1949–Apr 1951, under supervision of the 2236th Air Force Reserve Training Center, and again during May 1955–Nov 1957, under supervision of the 2230th Air Reserve Flying Center. In between, ordered to active service and inactivated almost immediately, personnel serving as fillers for other USAF units. Replaced the 1607th Air Transport Wing in Jan 1966 as the MAC host wing at Dover AFB, DE. Initially flew C–124, C–133, and C–141 aircraft, but gradually replaced C–124 and C–133 types with C–5s. By mid-1973, flew only the C–5. During the late 1960s and early 1970s, flew numerous missions to Southeast Asia, although primary wing routes served Europe, the Middle East, and Africa. Participated in joint training with US Army; took part in numerous tactical exercises in the United States and overseas, particularly in support of NATO. Flew worldwide airlift, including mail and other high priority cargo, aeromedical evacuation, personnel transport, humanitarian, and diplomatic missions. Wing aircrews were augmented by attached Reserve aircrews. Airlifted personnel and equipment for operations in Grenada, 24 Oct–18 Dec 1983; and Panama, 19 Dec 1989–14 Jan 1990. Deployed an Airlift Control Element (ALCE) at Tocumen International Airport, Panama on 19 Dec 1989. Provided airlift of personnel and equipment, and logistical support for operations in Southwest Asia, Aug 1990–May 1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Grenada, 1983.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 13 Nov–18 Dec 1967; 1 Jan 1968–31 Dec 1969; 1 Sep 1971–30 Jun 1972; 13 Oct–14 Nov 1973; 1 Jan 1974–30 Apr 1975; 1 May 1975–31 May 1976; 1 Jun 1976–31 May 1978; 1 Jun 1978–31 May 1979; 1 Jun 1981–31 May 1982; 1 Jun 1982–31 May 1984.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 436th Operations Group prior to 27 Jun 1949.

Service Streamers. World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers. World War II: Rome-Arno; Normandy; Northern France; Southern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe.

Decorations. Distinguished Unit Citation: France, [6–7] Jun 1944.

Emblem

Or issuant from base a demi-globe Argent gridlined Azure and from its pole a handle of the like, all within a bordure of the first, overall an eagle volant and grasping the handle of the globe. *Motto:* ROBUSTUM AUXILIUM—Powerful support. Approved on 14 Jul 1966 (K 7614); replaced emblem approved on 20 Jun 1957 (AC 9226).



437th Airlift Wing

Established as 437th Troop Carrier Wing, Medium, on 10 May 1949. Activated in the Reserve on 27 Jun 1949. Ordered to active service on 10 Aug 1950. Inactivated on 10 Jun 1952. Activated in the Reserve on 15 Jun 1952. Inactivated on 16 Nov 1957. Redesignated 437th Military Airlift Wing, and activated, on 27 Dec 1965. Organized on 8 Jan 1966. Redesignated 437th Airlift Wing on 1 Oct 1991.

Assignments

Tenth Air Force, 26 Jun 1949; Tactical Air Command, 14 Aug 1950; Fifth Air Force, 8 Nov 1950 (attached to FEAF Combat Cargo Command, Provisional, 8 Nov 1950–); 314th Air Division, 1 Dec 1950 (remained attached to FEAF Combat Cargo Command, Provisional, through 24 Jan 1951); 315th Air Division (Combat Cargo), 25 Jan 1951–10 Jun 1952. Tenth Air Force, 15 Jun 1952–16 Nov 1957. Military Air Transport Service (later, Military Airlift Command), 27 Dec 1965; Twenty-First Air Force, 8 Jan 1966–.

Components

Group. 437th Troop Carrier (later, 437th Operations): 27 Jun 1949–10 Jun 1952; 15 Jun 1952–16 Nov 1957; 1 Oct 1991–.

Squadrons. 3d: 8 Jan 1966–1 Aug 1973. 17th: 8 Jan 1966–8 Apr 1969; 1 Aug 1987–1 Oct 1991. 20th: 1 Aug 1973–1 Oct 1991. 41st: 8 Jan 1966–1 Oct 1991. 76th: 8 Jan 1966–1 Oct 1991.

Stations

Chicago-Orchard Aprt (later, O'Hare Field Chicago Intl Aprt), IL, 27 Jun 1949; Shaw AFB, SC, 14 Aug–16 Oct 1950; Brady Field, Japan, 8 Nov 1950–10 Jun 1952. O'Hare Intl Aprt, IL, 15 Jun 1952–16 Nov 1957. Charleston AFB, SC, 8 Jan 1966–.

Commanders

Brig Gen John P. Henebry, 27 Jun 1949; Col John W. Lacey, 26 Jan 1951; Col John R. Roche, 26 Feb 1951; Col Kenneth W. Northamer, May–10 Jun 1952. Col Reed G. Landis, 15 Jun 1952; Lt Col Edwin L. Preston, 1 Sep 1954; Col John W. Lacey, 19 Jan 1955; Lt Col Joseph E. Whitwell, 2 May–16 Nov 1957. None (not manned), 27 Dec 1965–7 Jan 1966; Brig Gen Howard W. Kreidler, 8 Jan 1966; Brig Gen William V. McBride, 26 Jul 1966; Brig Gen Clare T. Ireland, Jr., 1 Mar 1969; Brig Gen Thomas B. Kennedy, 1 Aug 1970; Brig Gen Robert L. Moeller, 1 Apr 1972; Brig Gen Thomas M. Sadler, 1 Feb 1974; Brig Gen Tedd L. Bishop, 14 Mar 1975; Brig Gen George B. Powers, Jr., 1 Mar 1978; Col Eugene D. Robinett, 20 Jun 1979; Col Donald A. Logeais, 23 Jun 1981; Col Paul E. Landers, Jr., 20 Jul 1983; Col James C. McCombs, 28 Jun 1985; Col James F. Hinkel, 11 Jun 1987; Col David B. Marcdrander, 17 May 1988; Col John W. Handy, 10 May 1990; Brig Gen Thomas R. Mikolajcik, 25 Jul 1991; Col Barry F. Creighton, 9 Dec 1992–(temporary).

Aircraft

T–7, 1949–1950; T–11, 1949–1950; C–46, 1949–1952. C–46 1952–1957; C–47, 1955–1957; C–119, 1957. C–124, 1966–1969; C–130, 1966–1967; C–141, 1966–; C–5 1970–1973.

Operations

Trained as a Reserve troop carrier wing under supervision of the 2471st Air Force Reserve Training Center, Jun 1949–Aug 1950 and Jun 1952–Nov 1957. Served between Aug 1950 and Jun 1952 on active duty. After concentrated training in the United States, moved to Japan and flew combat airlift missions, 10 Nov 1950–10 Jun 1952. Helped evacuate personnel from threatened airfields, hauled gasoline, napalm, and other explosives, dropped cargo and paratroops, flew spraying missions to rid areas of insects, and also flew routine courier missions until replaced by another wing in Jun 1952. Replaced the 1608th Air Transport Wing, in 1966, as the MAC host wing at Charleston AFB, SC. Flew joint training missions with Army forces, aeromedical evacuation missions, mercy and humanitarian missions as needed, and airlifted personnel, cargo, and mail worldwide, primarily to Europe, the Middle East and Africa, but also to South America. Participated in numerous tactical operations and exercises, particularly those of NATO. Wing aircrews were augmented by attached Reserve aircrews. From 1966 to the early 1970s, flew numerous missions to the Far East and Southeast Asia. Added Russia as a special mission destination in 1988. Deployed support personnel and provided airlift of personnel and equipment for operations in Grenada, 24 Oct–19 Dec 1983; Panama, 18–29 Dec 1989; and Southwest Asia, Aug 1990–Dec 1991. Flew humanitarian missions to East Africa, 16 Aug 1992–. Completed preparations to receive its first C–17.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

Korea: CCF Intervention; First UN Counteroffensive; CCF Spring Offensive; UN Summer-Fall Offensive; Second Korean Winter; Korea Summer-Fall, 1952.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Grenada, 1983; Panama, 1989–1990.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 11 Jul 1966–10 Jul 1967, 11 Jul 1967–10 Jul 1968; 11 Jul 1968–12 Jun 1969; 13 Jun 1969–12 Jun 1970; 13 Jun 1970–30 Jun 1972; 1 Jul 1972–30 Jun 1973; 1 Jul 1982–30 Jun 1984; 1 Jul 1984–30 Jun 1986; 1 Jul 1988–30 Jun 1989; 1 Jul 1989–30 Jun 1990; 21 Sep–31 Oct 1989. Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation: 1 Jul 1951–[10 Jun 1952].

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display the streamers earned by the 437th Operations Group for the period prior to 27 June 1949.

Service Streamers. World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers. World War II: Rome-Arno; Normandy; Northern France; Southern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe.

Decorations: Distinguished Unit Citation: France, [6–7] Jun 1944.

Emblem

Or a vol Argent surmounted by a silhouette of a minute man courant grasping a rifle at high port Azure. Approved on 24 Nov 1953 (KE 24511).



509th Bomb Wing

Established as 509th Bombardment Wing, Very Heavy, on 3 Nov 1947. Organized on 17 Nov 1947. Redesignated: 509th Bombardment Wing, Medium, on 1 Aug 1948; 509th Bombardment Wing, Heavy, on 2 Apr 1966; 509th Bombardment Wing, Medium, on 1 Dec 1969; 509th Bombardment Wing, Heavy, on 30 Sep 1990; 509th Bomb Wing on 1 Sep 1991.

Assignments

Eighth Air Force, 17 Nov 1947 (attached to 3d Air Division, 1 Feb 1951–); 47th Air Division, 10 Feb 1951 (remained attached to 3d Air Division to 4 May 1951; attached to 7th Air Division, 4 Jun–2 Sep 1952; 3d Air Division, 10 Jul–8 Oct 1954; 7th Air Division, 26 Jan–30 Apr 1956); 817th Air Division, 1 Jul 1958; 45th Air Division, 30 Jun 1971; Eighth Air Force, 29 Mar 1989; 100th Air Division, 30 Sep 1990; Eighth Air Force, 26 Jul 1991–.

Components

Wing. 33d Fighter: attached 17 Nov 1947–15 Nov 1948.

Groups. 33d Fighter: attached 17 Nov 1947–15 Nov 1948. 509th Bombardment (later, 509th Operations): 17 Nov 1947–16 Jun 1952; 15 Jul 1993–.

Squadrons. 34th Air Refueling: 25 Jun 1966–31 Mar 1976. 393d: attached 17 Nov 1947–14 Sep 1948; attached 1 Feb 1951–15 Jun 1952, assigned 16 Jun 1952–30 Sep 1990 (detached 18 Jun–c. 18 Sep 1953). 509th Air Refueling: attached 19 Jul–14 Sep 1948; attached 1 Feb 1951–15 Jun 1952, assigned 16 Jun 1952–5 Jan 1958 (detached 10 Jul–5 Nov 1954, 14 Jun–5 Aug 1955, and 27 Feb–1 May 1957); assigned 8 Jul 1958–25 Jun 1965; assigned 2 Oct 1966–1 Jul 1990. 661st: 1 Mar 1959–1 Jan 1962. 715th: attached 17 Nov 1947–14 Sep 1948; attached 1 Feb 1951–15 Jun 1952, assigned 16 Jun 1952–25 Jun 1966; assigned 1 Jan 1970–30 Sep 1990. 830th: attached 17 Nov 1947–14 Sep 1948; attached 1 Feb 1951–15 Jun 1952, assigned 16 Jun 1952–25 Jun 1966 (detached 15 Mar–19 Jun 1953). 900th Air Refueling: 2 Apr–25 Jun 1966.

Stations

Roswell AAFld (later, Walker AFB), NM, 17 Nov 1947; Pease AFB, NH, 1 Jul 1958; Whiteman AFB, MO, 30 Sep 1990–.

Commanders

Col William H. Blanchard, 17 Nov 1947; Col John D. Ryan, 1 Aug 1948; Brig Gen Clarence S. Irvine, 15 Sep 1948; Col James A. DeMarco, 3 Jan 1950; Brig Gen Hunter Harris, Jr., 15 Jan 1950; Col Thomas S. Jeffrey, Jr., 10 Jan 1951; Col John D. Ryan, 1 Feb 1951; Col Berton H. Burns, (by 19) Jul 1951; Col William H. Blanchard, 21 Jul 1951; Col Berton H. Burns, c. 15 Jan 1952; Brig Gen William H. Blanchard, c. 7 Apr 1952; Col Wilson R. Wood, 11 Feb 1953; Col Howard E. Jackson, 22 Apr 1953; Col Harold E. Humfeld, (by 12) May 1953; Col Wilson R. Wood, c. 15 May 1953; Col

Harold E. Humfeld, 30 Jul 1953; Col Wilson R. Wood, 23 Nov 1953; Col Clifford F. Macomber, 16 May 1955; Col Neil W. Wemple, (by 8) Jan 1957; Col Clifford F. Macomber, (by 29) Jan 1957; Col Brooks A. Lawhon, 11 Feb 1959; Col Donald G. McPherson, 1 Jun 1960; Col Edward D. Edwards, 10 Mar 1962; Col James O. Frankosky, 21 Oct 1963; Col Joseph V. Adams, Jr., 27 Jan 1966; Col James O. Frankosky, c. 2 Mar 1966; Col Madison M. McBrayer, 23 Jan 1967; Col Joseph V. Adams, Jr., 28 Mar 1968; Col Robert E. Blauw, c. 1 Oct 1968; Col William R. Thorstenson, 19 Mar 1969; Col Robert E. Blauw, 20 Sep 1969; Col William R. Thorstenson, 18 Nov 1969; Col Winston E. Moore, 11 Dec 1969; Col John M. Parker, 22 Feb 1972; Col Alan L. Hichew, 14 Jun 1972; Col Isaac M. Glass, 26 Mar 1973; Col Paul W. Maul, 21 Aug 1973; Col Richard A. Burpee, 26 Feb 1974; Col Fredric E. Roth, 1 Apr 1975; Col Guy L. Hecker, Jr., 3 May 1976; Col James M. Greer, 11 Jan 1978; Col Samuel H. Swart, Jr., 4 May 1979; Col John A. Dramesi, 22 Jun 1981; Col Trevor A. Hammond, 21 Dec 1981; Col Denis L. Walsh, 10 May 1983; Col Frederick A. Fiedler, 13 Jun 1984; Col Robert J. McCracken, 14 May 1985; Col Thad A. Wolf, 27 Feb 1987; Col Orin L. Godsey, 25 Feb 1988; Col William C. Brooks, 28 Feb–30 Sep 1990; none (not manned) 30 Sep 1990–31 Mar 1993; Brig Gen Ronald C. Marcotte, 1 Apr 1993–.

Aircraft

F–51, 1947x–1948; F–84, 1948; B–29, 1947–1952; B–50, 1949–1951; KB–29, 1951–1954; KC–97, 1954–1958, 1958–1965; B–47, 1955–1965; B–52, 1966–1969; KC–135, 1966–1990; FB–111, 1970–1990.

Operations

Maintained combat proficiency with B–29 bombers and F–51 and F–84 fighters, 1947–1948. Added air refueling capability in Sep 1948, initially with B–29M hose-type tankers and later with B/KB–29P boom-type tankers. Charged with strategic bombardment training and air refueling, 1949–1958. Deployed as a wing several times in the early 1950s, three times to England and once to Guam, and also deployed individual squadrons at other times. Temporarily had no refueling unit during 1958. Phased down for inactivation in late 1965, but was converted to a B–52/KC–135 wing in 1966. Supported SAC combat and contingency operations in Southeast Asia with KC–135 aircraft and crews, Nov 1966–Dec 1975, with B–52 aircraft and crews, Nov 1966–Sep 1969, and with B–52 crews, 1970. From 1 Apr to 1 Oct 1968 and 26 Mar to c. 20 Sep 1969, more than one-half of the wing was involved in SAC operations in Southeast Asia. From Nov 1969 to Dec 1970, the wing

had no bombardment aircraft but continued refueling operations and performed FB-111 ground training. Resumed bombardment flying training in Dec 1970 and assumed FB-111 alert commitments from 1 Jul 1971 until Sep 1990. Won the SAC Bombing and Navigation competition and the Fairchild trophy in 1979, 1981, 1982, and 1983. Awarded the Sanders trophy for best air refueling unit in 1982. Moved on paper to Whiteman on 30 Sep 1990, but not manned until Apr 1993. Scheduled to receive B-2 aircraft in late 1993.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Apr-1 Oct 1968; 1 Jul 1981-30 Jun 1982; 1 Jul 1982-30 Jun 1984.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 509th Operations Group prior to 17 Nov 1947.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. World War II: Air Offensive, Japan; Eastern Mandates; Western Pacific.

Decorations. None.

Emblem

Or, in base a label of three Gules below an atomic cloud proper between a pair of wings elevated Azure. *Motto:* DEFENSOR VINDEXT—Defender avenger. Approved on 10 Jul 1952 (K 17356).



552d Air Control Wing

Established as 552d Airborne Early Warning and Control Wing on 30 Mar 1955. Activated on 8 Jul 1955. Redesignated 552d Airborne Early Warning and Control Group on 1 Jul 1974. Inactivated on 30 Apr 1976. Redesignated 552d Airborne Warning and Control Wing on 5 May 1976. Activated on 1 Jul 1976. Redesignated: 552d Airborne Warning and Control Division on 1 Oct 1983; 552d Airborne Warning and Control Wing on 1 Apr 1985; 552d Air Control Wing on 1 Oct 1991.

Assignments

8th Air Division (Airborne Early Warning and Control), 8 Jul 1955; Western Air Defense Force, 1 Jul 1957; 28th Air Division (SAGE), 1 Jul 1960; Fourth Air Force, 1 Apr 1966; Tenth Air Force, 15 Sep 1969; Aerospace Defense Command, 15 Nov 1969–30 Apr 1976. Tactical Air Command, 1 Jul 1976; 28th Air Division, 1 Apr 1985; Tactical Air Command, 29 May 1992; Air Combat Command, 1 Jun 1992; Second Air Force, 1 Oct 1992; Twelfth Air Force, 1 Jul 1993–.

Components

Group. 552d Operations: 29 May 1992–.

Squadrons. 3d Airborne Command and Control: 1 Aug–1 Nov 1986. 7th Airborne Command and Control: 1 Oct 1976–1 Apr 1985. 8th Tactical Deployment Control: 1 Jan 1978–1 Mar 1986. 41st Electronic Combat: 1 Jul 1980–1 Apr 1985. 960th Airborne Warning and Control Support (later 960th Airborne Warning and Control): 1 Sep 1979–1 Apr 1985. 961st Airborne Warning and Control Support (later, 961st Airborne Warning and Control): 1 Oct 1979–1 Apr 1985. 963d: 8 Jul 1955–30 Apr 1976; 1 Jul 1976–29 May 1992. 964th: 8 Jul 1955–30 Jun 1974; 1 Jul 1977–29 May 1992. 965th: 8 Aug 1955–30 Jun 1971; 1 Jul 1978–29 May 1992. 966th Airborne Warning and Control Training: 1 May 1963–1 Jul 1969; 15 Nov–31 Dec 1969; 1 Jul 1976–29 May 1992.

Stations

McClellan AFB, CA, 8 Jul 1955–30 Apr 1976. Tinker AFB, OK, 1 Jul 1976–.

Commanders

Col Leeman J. Hipson, 8 Jul 1955; Col Richard W. DaVania, (by Dec) 1955; Col Septime S. Richard, Jr., (by Dec) 1956; Col Charles R. Heffner, 18 Oct 1957; Col Charles F. Knierim, 28 May 1959; Col Robert J. Loughry, 17 Oct 1960; Col James P. Lyle, 18 Oct 1963; Col Wright J. Sherrard, 28 Aug 1964; Col William R. Nevitt, 2 Feb 1966; Col Olin E. Gilbert, 31 May 1968; Col Henry L. Timmermans, 1 Nov 1969; Col Robert P. Halpenny, 28 Apr 1972; Col Harold P. Knutty, 26 Jul 1974; Col Francis B. Henkel, 27 Jun 1975–30 Apr 1976. Maj Gen John L. Piotrowski, 1 Jul 1976; Brig Gen Neil L. Eddins, 29 Aug 1979; Col Jerry D. Holmes, 20 Jul 1981; Brig Gen William K. James, 16 Sep 1982; Col James R. Sterk, 1 Mar 1985; Col Wylie J. Koiner, 16 Jun 1988; Col Gary A. Voellger, 17 May 1990; Brig Gen William J. Ball, 29 May 1992; Brig Gen David Oakes, 10 Aug 1992–.

Aircraft

RC–121, 1955–c. 1959, c. 1961–1963; TC–121, 1959–c. 1961, 1967–1969; EC–121, 1963–1976; C–121, 1967–1976. EC–130, 1976–1985, 1992–; WC–135, 1977–1982; E–3, 1977–; EC–135, 1979–1986, 1992–; C–135, 1979–1981, 1983–1986, 1992–.

Operations

The 552d operated from McClellan AFB, CA, 1955 until inactivated in 1976. Through its squadrons, detachments, and operating locations, it extended air defense radar coverage and fighter control seaward beyond the range of shore-based stations. Late in 1958, the 552d assumed the additional mission of performing gap-filler duty for temporarily inoperative ground radar stations. Tracked ballistic missiles in the Pacific after 1957 and provided support for *Discoverer* and *Mercury* space flight projects. On 11 Aug 1960 wing aircraft vectored and controlled the aircraft that recovered the *Discoverer XIII* capsule. Deployed aircraft and crews to McCoy AFB, FL, (19 Oct–5 Dec 1962) during the Cuban missile crisis. Operated extensively in Southeast Asia, 1965–1974, as part of the Big (later, College) Eye Task Force. During this time the 552d expanded operations to the eastern coast of the United States and to Iceland. Redesignated as a group on 1 Jul 1974 because of a reduction in components and a reduced mission; remained in this status until inactivation on 30 Apr 1976. Redesignated 552d Airborne Warning and Control Wing and activated on 1 Jul 1976 at Tinker AFB, OK. The wing provided airborne early warning, surveillance, command, control and communications, and battlefield services for US Armed Forces and its allies. Besides functions at its primary station, the wing fulfilled its mission from other geographical locations, worldwide, participating in numerous tactical exercises, such as joint training in electronic warfare environments, airborne battlefield command and control for Tactical Control Centers, search and rescue, and maritime operations, Oct 1977–. Assisted US Customs in drug interdiction, Jan 1979–. Advised NATO on activation of its AEW (Airborne Early Warning) Force Command and trained NATO crews in E–3 “Sentry” aircraft to improve the Allied air defense system in Europe, c. Jan 1980–Dec 1982. Aided in the search and salvage operations 1 Sep–9 Oct 1983, of the Korean Airlines flight 007 (KAL 007) that was shot down by a Soviet fighter over the Sea of Japan on 1 Sep 1983. Flew intelligence missions with E–3s in Saudi Arabia during the Iran-Iraq War, 13 Oct 1980–17 Apr 1989. Elevated to division level in Oct 1983. With the activation of the 41st Electronic Combat Squadron at Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ, the

division was tasked with the Command, Control and Communications Countermeasures mission, 1 Jul 1980–1 Apr 1985. Relieved of the countermeasures duty when the division was redesignated to wing. Flew Airborne Battlefield Command, Control and Communications (ABCCC) missions on airborne alert during the invasions of Grenada, Nov 1983, and Panama, Dec 1989. Trained Royal Saudi Air Force aircrews in the operations of ABCCC missions, Apr 1985. Performed airborne warning and control operations in the Southwest Asia, Aug 1990–Mar 1991. Provided navigational support for USAF units to and from overseas deployments. In Jan 1993, supported deployed aircraft and crews to Southwest Asia to ensure that Iraq complied with ceasefire terms.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Grenada, 1983.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat “V” Device: 1 Jul 1969–30 Jun 1970; 1 Jul 1971–31 Dec 1972. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1961–30 Jun 1963; 15 Apr 1965–1 Jul 1966; 2 Jul 1966–1 Jul 1968; 1 Jul 1970–30 Jun 1971; 1 Jul 1974–30 Jun 1975; 1 Jul 1977–30 Jun 1978; 1 Jul 1978–30 Jun 1980; 1 Jul 1982–30 Jun 1984; 1 May 1985–30 Apr 1987; 1 May 1987–30 Apr 1989; 1 Dec 1989–1 Dec 1991. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 1 Apr 1966–28 Jan 1973.

Emblem

Per bend Celeste and per bend sinister Azure and Argent a bendlet Or, in sinister chief a compass rose White shaded Sable, in base a winged tower silhouette of the last and issuant from dexter two lightning flashes radiating to fess point of the third all within a diminished bordure Yellow. Approved on 6 Feb 1956 (K 229).

Appendix I

Lineage Terms

The Air Force is composed of primary elements called **units** and **establishments**. The **units** divide among three primary categories: *squadrons* (the numbered flight is considered a “small” squadron), *miscellaneous* (a category including such organizations as bands, infirmaries, hospitals, etc.), and *headquarters*. The headquarters units serve as headquarters for establishments. **Establishments** are Air Force organizations at group echelon or higher, having a headquarters unit as their primary component.

The lineage of each wing establishment contained in this book is ultimately determined by the language employed in the War Department and Department of the Air Force letters and command orders relating to organizational actions. The following glossary defines the more important terms that appear in the lineage and honors histories.

Glossary of Terms

Activate. To bring into physical existence by assignment of personnel to the headquarters unit (from 1922 to 1959, and again after 1968). An establishment is activated when its headquarters unit is activated. During the period 1959–1968, however, activate meant to place on the active list, available to be organized.

Assign. To place in a military organization, as a permanent element or component of that organization.

Attach. To place one military organization temporarily with another for operational control and other purposes, including administration and logistical support. A *detached* organization is one that is temporarily serving away from the establishment to which it is assigned. It is usually attached to another establishment.

Consolidate. To combine or merge one establishment with another, so that the lineage and history of both become one. Establishments are consolidated effective with the consolidation of their headquarters units.

Constitute. To give an official name, or number and name, to a unit and place it on the inactive Air Force List.

Designate. To give an official name, or number and name, to a nonconstituted unit.

Designation. The name of a unit or establishment. The designation includes all parts of the name: numerical, functional, and generic. A designation also applies to named activities and certain functions. To further identify a unit, descriptive words are sometimes added parenthetically.

Disband. To remove an inactive unit from the inactive Air Force List.

Discontinue. To withdraw all personnel from the headquarters unit of an establishment (1959–1968).

Disestablish. To terminate an establishment concurrent with disbandment of its headquarters unit, until reestablished.

Establish. To assign a designation to an establishment concurrent with the designation or the constitution of the headquarters unit.

Establishment. A military organization at group or higher echelon, composed of a headquarters unit and any other elements that might be assigned. Personnel are not assigned to an establishment, but to its components.

Inactivate. To withdraw all personnel from the headquarters unit and place the establishment and its headquarters unit on the inactive list (from 1922 to 1959 and from 1968 to date). During the period 1959–1968, however, to be inactivated meant to be transferred from the active to the inactive list, after being discontinued.

Order to Active Service. Reserve establishments are ordered to active service from Reserve status to the regular Air Force for a period of extended active duty.

Organization. As used in this volume, the term organization applies to units and establishments.

Organize. To assign personnel to the headquarters unit (1947–1948 service test organizations). During the period 1959–1968, being organized also involved the assignment of personnel to the headquarters unit, after the headquarters unit and the establishment were activated. Also, from 1944 to 1968, to bring a nonconstituted unit into existence by assigning personnel to it (example: see 88th Air Base Wing).

Redesignate. To change the designation (number or number and name) of both the establishment and its headquarters unit.

Reestablish. To return a previously existing establishment from disestablished status to the active list, so that it can be activated.

Relieve from Active Duty. Reserve units are relieved from active duty with the regular Air Force upon completion of a period of extended active duty.

Appendix II

Streamers¹

Service Streamers

World War I

Theater of Operations: 6 Apr 1917–11 Nov 1918.

World War II

American Theater: 7 Dec 1941–2 Mar 1946.

European-African-Middle Eastern (EAME) Theater: 7 Dec 1941–8 Nov 1945.

Asiatic-Pacific Theater: 7 Dec 1941–2 Mar 1946.

Korean War

Korean Theater: 27 Jun 1950–27 Jul 1954.

Vietnam

Vietnam Theater: 1 Jul 1958–28 Mar 1973.

Southwest Asia

Southwest Asia Theater: 2 Aug 1990–30 Nov 1995.

Campaign Streamers

Mexico

Mexican Expedition: 14 Mar 1916–7 Feb 1917.

World War I

Somme Defensive: 21 Mar–6 Apr 1918.

Lys: 9–27 Apr 1918.

Champagne-Marne: 15–18 Jul 1918.

Aisne-Marne: 18 Jul–6 Aug 1918.

Somme Offensive: 8 Aug–11 Nov 1918.

Oisne-Aisne: 18 Aug–11 Nov 1918.

St. Mihiel: 12–16 Sep 1918.

Meuse-Argonne: 26 Sep–11 Nov 1918.

World War I—Defense Sectors:

Alsace

Champagne

Flanders

Ile-de-France

Lorraine

Picardy

World War II

American Theater:

Antisubmarine: 7 Dec 1941–2 Sep 1945.

EAME Theater:

Air Combat: 7 Dec 1941–2 Sep 1945.

Antisubmarine: 7 Dec 1941–2 Sep 1945.

Egypt-Libya: 11 Jun 1942–12 Feb 1943.

Air Offensive, Europe: 4 Jul 1942–5 Jun 1944.

Algeria-French Morocco: 8–11 Nov 1942.

Tunisia: 12 Nov 1942–13 May 1943.

Sicily: 14 May–17 Aug 1943.

Naples-Foggia: 18 Aug 1943–21 Jan 1944.

Anzio: 22 Jan–24 May 1944.

Rome-Arno: 22 Jan–9 Sep 1944.

Normandy: 6 Jun–24 Jul 1944.

Northern France: 25 Jul–14 Sep 1944.

Southern France: 15 Aug–14 Sep 1944.

North Apennines: 10 Sep 1944–4 Apr 1945.

Rhineland: 15 Sep 1944–21 Mar 1945.

Ardennes-Alsace: 16 Dec 1944–25 Jan 1945.

Central Europe: 22 Mar–11 May 1945.

Po Valley: 5 Apr–8 May 1945.

¹For further information on Service and Campaign Streamers, see *USAF Combat Medals, Streamers, and Campaigns* by A. Timothy Warnock.

Asiatic-Pacific Theater:

Air Combat: 7 Dec 1941–2 Sep 1945.
Antisubmarine: 7 Dec 1941–2 Sep 1945.
Central Pacific: 7 Dec 1941–6 Dec 1943.
Philippine Islands: 7 Dec 1941–10 May 1942.
Burma: 7 Dec 1941–26 May 1942.
East Indies: 1 Jan–22 Jul 1942.
India-Burma: 2 Apr 1942–28 Jan 1945.
Air Offensive, Japan: 17 Apr 1942–2 Sep 1945.
Aleutian Islands: 3 Jun 1942–24 Aug 1943.
China Defensive: 4 Jul 1942–4 May 1945.
Papua: 23 Jul 1942–23 Jan 1943.
Guadalcanal: 7 Aug 1942–21 Feb 1943.
New Guinea: 24 Jan 1943–31 Dec 1944.
Northern Solomons: 22 Feb 1943–21 Nov 1944.
Eastern Mandates: 7 Dec 1943–16 Apr 1944.
Bismarck Archipelago: 15 Dec 1943–27 Nov 1944.
Western Pacific: 17 Apr 1944–2 Sep 1945.
Leyte: 17 Oct 1944–1 Jul 1945.
Luzon: 15 Dec 1944–4 Jul 1945.
Central Burma: 29 Jan–15 Jul 1945.
Southern Philippines: 27 Feb–4 Jul 1945.
Ryukyus: 26 Mar–2 Jul 1945.
China Offensive: 5 May–2 Sep 1945.

Korean War

United Nations Defensive: 27 Jun–15 Sep 1950.
United Nations Offensive: 16 Sep–2 Nov 1950.
Chinese Communist Forces Intervention: 3 Nov 1950–24 Jan 1951.
First United Nations Counteroffensive: 25 Jan–21 Apr 1951.
Chinese Communist Forces Spring Offensive: 22 Apr–8 Jul 1951.
United Nations Summer-Fall Offensive: 9 Jul–27 Nov 1951.

Second Korean Winter: 28 Nov 1951–30 Apr 1952.

Korea Summer-Fall, 1952: 1 May–30 Nov 1952.

Third Korean Winter: 1 Dec 1952–30 Apr 1953.

Korea, Summer 1953: 1 May–27 Jul 1953.

Vietnam War

Vietnam Advisory: 15 Nov 1961–1 Mar 1965.
Vietnam Defensive: 2 Mar 1965–30 Jan 1966.
Vietnam Air: 31 Jan–28 Jun 1966.
Vietnam Air Offensive: 29 Jun 1966–8 Mar 1967.
Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II: 9 Mar 1967–31 Mar 1968.
Vietnam Air/Ground: 22 Jan–7 Jul 1968.
Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III: 1 Apr–31 Oct 1968.
Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV: 1 Nov 1968–22 Feb 1969.
TET 69/Counteroffensive: 23 Feb–8 Jun 1969.
Vietnam Summer-Fall, 1969: 9 Jun–31 Oct 1969.
Vietnam Winter-Spring, 1970: 1 Nov 1969–30 Apr 1970.
Sanctuary Counteroffensive: 1 May–30 Jun 1970.
Southwest Monsoon: 1 Jul–30 Nov 1970.
Commando Hunt V: 1 Dec 1970–14 May 1971.
Commando Hunt VI: 15 May–31 Oct 1971.
Commando Hunt VII: 1 Nov 1971–29 Mar 1972.
Vietnam Ceasefire: 30 Mar 1972–28 Jan 1973.

Southwest Asia War

Defense of Saudi Arabia: 2 Aug 1990–16 Jan 1991.
Liberation and Defense of Kuwait: 17 Jan 1991–11 Apr 1991.
Southwest Asia Cease-Fire: 12 Apr 1991–30 Nov 1995.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Grenada: 23 Oct–21 Nov 1983.

Panama: 20 Dec 1989–31 Jan 1990.

Appendix III

Unit Decorations

American

Distinguished Unit Citation (DUC). Used by the US Army and Army Air Forces. First established by Executive Order 9075 on 26 Feb 1942, awarded for extraordinary valor in action on or after 7 Dec 1941.

Presidential Unit Citation (PUC). Equivalent to the Distinguished Unit Citation. The PUC is used by the US Navy and was awarded to a number of AAF units that operated under Navy control or in close support of the Navy. After 1965, the US Air Force adopted the Presidential Unit Citation instead of the Distinguished Unit Citation to recognize outstanding combat performance of its tactical units.

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat “V” Device (AFOUA/V). The AFOUA/V is awarded in lieu of the AFOUA (below) to recognize achievement in combat by USAF units and establishments. The Combat “V” Device was first used during the conflict in Southeast Asia.

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (AFOUA). USAF decoration used to recognize outstanding efforts and meritorious actions of USAF units and establishments in peace and war, the AFOUA was announced in Department of the Air Force General Orders No. 1 on 6 Jan 1954. (Several units and establishments received this award retroactively for meritorious actions during the Korean war.)

Air Force Organizational Excellence Award (AFOEA). The AFOEA was established on 26 Aug 1969 by the Secretary of the Air Force. It is awarded by the Secretary to recognize the achievements and accomplishments of Air Force organizations and activities that do not meet the eligibility requirements of the AFOUA (above). The AFOEA may be awarded with the “V” device for combat or direct combat support.

Meritorious Unit Commendation (MUC). The US Army’s Meritorious Unit Commendation, roughly equivalent to the AFOUA (above), has been earned by a number of AAF and USAF units. This decoration recognizes outstanding and meritorious actions in both peace and war, but these actions are considered to be of a lesser consequence than those recognized by a Distinguished Unit Citation (above).

Navy Unit Commendation (NUC). The US Navy Unit Commendation, also roughly equivalent to the AFOUA (above), has been awarded to a few AAF and USAF units that worked closely with the Navy. The award recognizes outstanding and meritorious actions in both peace and war, but these actions are considered to be of a lesser consequence than those recognized by a Presidential Unit Citation (above).

Foreign

Belgium

Citation in the Order of the Day, Belgian Army. A citation by decree of the Belgian Government. Numerous AAF units and establishments that operated in or over Belgium during World War II received this award.

Belgian Fourragere. A decoration awarded, by decree of the Belgian Government, to units cited twice in the Order of the Day, Belgian Army.

France

Croix de Guerre. A citation by decree of the French Government, awarded to Army Air Service units in World War I and Army units and establishments in World War II. Generally identified as French Croix de Guerre with Palm.

French Fourragere. A decoration, awarded by decree of the French Government in World Wars I and II, to units and establishments cited twice for the Croix de Guerre.

Korea

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation. A citation for achievement during the Korean war. Most commonly presented to units based in Korea and carrying out combat operations there, but also awarded to some units, both combat and support types, based in adjacent areas. Since the cessation of hostilities in Korea in July 1953, this decoration has been awarded rarely to USAF units and establishments—usually in recognition of outstanding support in the defense of Korea.

Philippines

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation. A citation for achievement while serving in the Philippines during the periods 7 Dec 1941–10 May 1942 or 17 Oct 1944–4 Jul 1945. No date is connected with the citation. Only one award is authorized for every eligible unit, including units that served in the Philippines during both periods.

Philippine Republic Presidential Unit Citation. A number of USAF units stationed in the Republic of the Philippines in July and August 1972 earned this citation in recognition of their participation in disaster relief operations.

Vietnam

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm. This unit decoration was usually awarded to units and establishments actually engaged in combat in defense of the Republic of Vietnam. In numerous instances, it was also awarded to combat support organizations and tactical units that were based outside the Vietnam Theater yet flew missions or provided essential services to organizations flying to or operating within the theater.

Appendix IV

USAF Bestowed History*

During World War II, combat squadrons were normally organized into combat groups, with three or four squadrons in each group, the group serving as the basic combat element of the Army Air Forces. In many commands, two or more combat groups formed a wing for administrative or operational control, although the practice was not uniform throughout the Army Air Forces. (see *Air Force Combat Units of World War II*, *passim*).

This organization changed in 1947 when the successor to the Army Air Forces, the United States Air Force (USAF), adopted the wing-base plan. Each combat wing was given one combat group (with three or four combat squadrons) and three support groups (air base, supply and maintenance, and medical). The wings required by this plan were new organizations, the old World War II wings having been redesignated as numbered air divisions (see wing histories in *Air Force Combat Units of World War II*). The combat wing and its integral combat group carried the same numerical and functional designations; for example, the 9th Bombardment Group was an integral part of the 9th Bombardment Wing.

In February 1951 the Strategic Air Command (SAC) began to eliminate its combat groups by reducing group headquarters to token strength (one officer and one enlisted man) and attaching the combat squadrons directly to the wings. Thus, the wing replaced the group as the basic combat element of SAC. On 16 June 1952, with the approval of Headquarters USAF, SAC inactivated all its combat groups (that had remained active under token manning) and assigned the remaining combat squadrons to the wings. The SAC reorganization also retired the World War II histories and honors of SAC's combat groups, while the SAC wings, having been created during or after 1947, possessed no World War II histories or honors.

Deviations from the wing-base plan by other commands, particularly Air Defense Command (ADC), also affected the perpetuation of histories and honors of World War II groups. In 1954 SAC and ADC leaders asked Headquarters USAF to perpetuate the histories and honors of the World War II combat groups. The *ad hoc* committee that reviewed these requests

rejected the idea of redesignating combat groups as wings. Instead, the committee recommended that combat groups and wings be maintained as separate and distinct organizations, and that the histories and honors of combat groups be bestowed upon the similarly designated combat wings.

Although the *ad hoc* committee's proposed bestowals ran counter to a longstanding policy of the Air Force against transferring history and honors from one unit to another, Headquarters USAF accepted the committee's recommendations. Beginning in November 1954 the Department of the Air Force, in a series of letters, bestowed upon each combat wing the history and honors of its similarly designated predecessor combat group; for example, SAC's 9th Bombardment Wing received by bestowal the history and honors of the 9th Bombardment Group.

Through the 1950's, other commands followed SAC's lead, eliminating combat groups and assigning squadrons directly to the wings. The trend to do away with combat groups continued to the early 1990's, although some survived as independent groups assigned usually to numbered air divisions. Others survived in the reserve forces. A few were again assigned briefly in the late 1970's and early 1980's to combat wings.

In the years since its implementation, bestowal generated much confusion. Many throughout the Air Force did not understand that the group and the wing remained two separate and distinct lineage entities. To alleviate some of the confusion, the Air Force in the 1980's consolidated some combat wings with their predecessor combat groups. With the exception of a few early errors, these consolidations were limited to wings and groups whose periods of active service did not overlap. By consolidation (see Appendix I), the wing and group became one organization, eliminating the need for bestowal of group history and honors on the wing. Bestowal, however, continued to be the policy for the majority of active Air Force wings.

In 1991, the Air Force began a massive reorganization into a wing structure similar to the original wing-base plan. Under this structure combat wings again had a combat group (now called Operations Group) assigned. An operations group was newly created for wings that had been consolidated with their World War II combat group. However, for most wings the World War II combat group was redesignated as the operations group and activated. Whether the combat (operations) group is active or inactive, bestowal continues in effect.

*This appendix is based on Paragraph 4.2 of Chapter 4, "Organizational Lineage and Honors," in Air Force Instruction 84-101, *Historical Products, Services, and Requirements*. The original appendix appeared in Charles A. Ravenstein, *Air Force Combat Wings: Lineage and Honors Histories, 1947-1977*, (Washington, DC: US Government Printing Office, 1984).

In bestowing group histories and honors on wings, Department of the Air Force directives noted only that bestowals are temporary. Over the succeeding years, the Air Force formulated more specific rules governing temporary bestowals of histories and honors. Currently, the bestowal of a combat group's history and honors to a wing:

1. Will be made only from the group that has the same numerical designation as the recipient wing and that the Air Force regards as the primary-mission group and thus is an integral part of the wing.
2. May be made if the group is:
 - a. Inactive.
 - b. Active and assigned to the similarly designated wing.
3. Will not be made if the group is active and assigned to any organization other than the similarly designated wing.
4. Will apply only to that portion of the group's history that the group accrued and to those honors that the group earned, during a period when the wing was not active.
5. Is temporary and:
 - a. Becomes effective upon activation of the wing's headquarters.
 - b. Terminates if:
 - (1) The group is assigned to any organization other than its similarly designated wing.
 - (2) The wing's headquarters is inactivated.

Appendix V

Abbreviations/Acronyms

The following glossary of abbreviations used in the volume does not include many standard abbreviations, such as those for the months of the year or names of the states.

AAA	antiaircraft artillery
AAB	Army Air Base
AAC	Alaskan Air Command
AAF	Army Air Forces
AAFld	Army Air Field
AB	Air Base
ABCCC	Airborne Battlefield Command Control and Communication
ABG	Air Base Group
ABW	Air Base Wing
AC	Symbol following some photographic negative numbers, denoting a black and white negative
ACC	Air Combat Command
ACE	Accelerated Co-Pilot Enrichment program
AC&CS	Airborne Command and Control Squadron
ACW	Air Control Wing
ADC	Air Defense Command (see also, ADCOM)
ADCOM	Air (later, Aerospace) Defense Command (see also, ADC)
addn	additional
ADVON	advanced echelon
AEMS	Armament and Electronics Maintenance Squadron
AETC	Air Education and Training Command
AEW	Airborne Early Warning
AF	Air Force
AFB	Air Force Base
AFCON	Air Force-controlled

AFHRA	Air Force Historical Research Agency
AFLC	Air Force Logistics Command
AFMC	Air Force Material Command
aflld	airfield
AFOUA	Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
AFRES	Air Force Reserve
AFRTC	Air Force Reserve Training Center
AFS	Air Force Station
AFSC	Air Force Systems Command
AFSPACECOM	Air Force Space Command
AIA	Air Intelligence Agency
ALCE	Airlift Control Element
ALCM	Air Launched Cruise Missile
ALCS	Airborne Launch Control System
AMC	Air Mobility Command
AMW	Air Mobility Wing
ANG	Air National Guard
Aprt	Airport
ARADCOM	Army Air Defense Command
ARFC	Air Reserve Flying Center
ART	Air Reserve Technician
ARW	Air Refueling Wing
AS	Air Station
ATC	Air Training Command (later, AETC)
ATT	Alaska Tanker Task Force
AW	Airlift Wing
AWADS	Adverse Weather Aerial Delivery System
BMEWS	Ballistic Missile Early Warning System
Brig Gen	Brigadier General
BW	Bombardment/Bomb Wing

CBI	China-Burma-India Theater	FBG	Fighter Bomber Group
Capt	Captain	FEAF	Far East Air Forces (later named PACAF)
CCF	Chinese Communist Forces (Korean war)	FICON	Fighter-Interceptor Carrier, Reconnaissance
CCTS	Combat Crew Training Squadron	Fld	Field
CCTW	Combat Crew Training Wing	1st Lt	First Lieutenant
CENTAF	Central Air Forces	FMS	Field Maintenance Squadron
CINCLANT	Commander-in-Chief, Atlantic	FS	Fighter Squadron
CINCPAC	Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Command	Ft	Fort
CINCPACAF	Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Air Forces	FTW	Flying Training Wing
CINCSAC	Commander-in-Chief, Strategic Air Command	FW	Fighter Wing
CINCUSAFE	Commander-in-Chief, United States Air Forces in Europe	GLCM	Ground Launched Cruise Missile
COB	Collocated Operating Base	HQ	Headquarters
Col	Colonel	IW	Intelligence Wing
CONAD	Continental Air Defense Command	IBC	Iceland Base Command
CSG	Combat Support Group	ICBM	intercontinental ballistic missile
CTS	Combat Training Squadron	ICM	intercontinental missile (i.e., the Snark)
CZ	Canal Zone (in Panama)	Intl	International
DAF	Department of the Air Force	IRBM	intermediate range ballistic missile
Det	detachment	K/KE	Symbols denoting photographic color negative number
DEW	Distant Early Warning	KTACS	Korean Tactical Air Control System
DFSC	Symbol denoting color photographic negative number	LANTIRN	Low Altitude Navigation and Targeting Infrared System for Night
DOD	Department of Defense	LGB	laser guided bomb
DUC	Distinguished Unit Citation	Lt Col	Lieutenant Colonel
dy	duty	MAC	Military Airlift Command (earlier called MATS)
EAME	European-African-Middle Eastern	Maj	Major
ECM	Electronic Countermeasures	Maj Gen	Major General
ETO	European Theater of Operations		
FAC	Forward Air Control		

MAJCON	major command-controlled	RQW	Rescue Wing
MATS	Military Air Transport Service (later called MAC)	RW	Reconnaissance Wing
MAW	Military Airlift Wing		
MDW	Medical Wing	SAC	Strategic Air Command
MiG	Soviet fighter aircraft named for its designers, Arden Mikoyan and Mikhail Gurevich	SAGE	semi-automatic ground environment
		2d Lt	Second Lieutenant
MW	Missile Wing	SMS	Strategic Missile Squadron
MMS	Munitions Maintenance Squadron	SMW	Strategic Missile Wing
mph	miles per hour	SOS	Special Operations Squadron
MTO	Mediterranean Theater of Operations	SOW	Special Operations Wing
MUC	Meritorious Unit Commendation	SPTW	Support Wing
Muni	Municipal	SPW	Space Wing (prior to 1994 (See also SW))
		SRAM	Short Range Attack Missile
NAS	Naval Air Station	SRS	Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization	SRW	Strategic Reconnaissance Wing
NEACP	National Emergency Airborne Command Post	START	Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty
NORAD	North American Air Defense Command	STS	Space Transportation System
NUC	Navy Unit Commendation	SW	Strategic Wing prior to 1994/Space Wing after 1994
OG	Operations Group	TAC	Tactical Air Command
OMS	Organizational Maintenance Squadron	TAS	Tactical Airlift Squadron
		TASS	Tactical Air Support Squadron
PACAF	Pacific Air Forces (earlier called FEAF)	TAW	Tactical Airlift Wing
PACCS	Post-attack Command and Control System	TCG	Troop Carrier Group
POMO	Production Oriented Maintenance Organization	TCW	Troop Carrier Wing
POW	Prisoner of War	T/D	Table of Distribution
PUC	Presidential Unit Citation	TEWS	Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron
		TFS	Tactical Fighter Squadron
RAAF	Royal Australian Air Force	TFTG	Tactical Fighter Training Group
RAF	Royal Air Force (of Great Britain)	TFTS	Tactical Fighter Training Squadron
RS	Reconnaissance Squadron	TFTW	Tactical Fighter Training Wing
RTAFB	Royal Thai(land) Air Force Base		

TFW	Tactical Fighter Wing
TH	Territory of Hawaii
TMW	Tactical Missile Wing
T/O	Table of Organization
TRS	Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron
TRW	Tactical Reconnaissance Wing prior to 1992/Training Wing after 1993
TTS	Tactical Training Squadron
TUSLOG	The United States Logistics Group
TW	Test Wing
UN	United Nations
unkn	unknown
US	United States (of America)
USAB	United States Air Base
USAF	United States Air Force
USAFE	United States Air Forces In Europe
USARPAC	United States Army, Pacific
USMC	United States Marine Corps
USN	United States Navy
USNAS	United States Naval Air Station
VA	Veterans Administration
VHB	Very Heavy Bombardment
VIP	Very Important Person(s)
VNAF	Vietnamese Air Force
WG	Wing

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Foreword

The first US flying squadron was created in the Army's Signal Corps on 5 March 1913. During the eighty-five years since that auspicious event, Air Force members served in several major conflicts and stood firm against aggression in the Cold War and beyond. A sense of pride in the Air Force's historical roots and its achievements emerged as individual units were recognized for service around the world. The Air Force squadrons described in this volume include the most illustrious that ever served our nation. Their lineage, honors, and heraldry reflect the distinguished record of Air Force men and women—a tradition of dedication, sacrifice, professionalism, and achievement which continues to inspire present and future generations.

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Preface

In the early 1990s, sharply reduced military budgets and post-Cold War strategic requirements drove the United States Air Force (USAF) to restructure its organization drastically. Recognizing that the active Air Force planned for 1995 would be less than half the size of the one existing in 1990, General Merrill A. McPeak, the USAF Chief of Staff, aggressively sought to preserve USAF heritage and increase the historical awareness of its personnel. Among other initiatives, he directed the Air Force Historical Research Agency to compile a two-volume series publicizing the lineage and heraldry of wings and certain squadrons that would remain in the active Air Force.

USAF Active Flying, Space, and Missile Squadrons, the second volume in the heritage series, includes those squadrons that were active on 1 October 1995. Within this volume are the squadrons' lineages, honors, and heraldry. Excluded are lineages and heraldry of inactive squadrons, provisional squadrons, support squadrons, and squadrons assigned to the Air Force Reserve or the Air National Guard.

In compiling the volume, the contributors consulted previous lineage publications, including Maurer Maurer's *Combat Squadrons of the Air Force, World War II* and *Air Force Combat Units of World War II*, Charles A. Ravenstein's *Air Force Combat Wings: Lineage and Honors Histories, 1947–1977*, as well as individual lineage and honors histories and primary documents. The lineages in this volume, however, supersede those shown in earlier reference works and publications.

Every squadron appears with the designation that it possessed on 1 October 1995. For each squadron, the book provides lineage, assignments, stations, aircraft and missiles, a very brief statement of operations, service and campaign streamers, armed forces expeditionary streamers, decorations, and emblem. These elements and their treatment are covered in the explanatory notes. Information about lineage, assignments, and stations has been updated to 1 October 1995. Information on aircraft/missiles and operations is current as of 5 March 1993. This date marks the 80th anniversary of the creation of the 1st Aero Squadron, the first Army unit to be equipped with aircraft for tactical operations. Generally, organizational histories containing information after this date were unavailable to the authors.

US Central Command Air Forces provided the official listing of campaign streamer credits for squadrons participating in the first two campaigns of the Persian Gulf War. Recipients of the third and final campaign credit of

the Persian Gulf War have not yet been announced. The Awards and Decorations Branch, Air Force Military Personnel Center, provided lists of squadrons receiving credit for one or both of the Armed Forces Expeditionary streamers authorized for Air Force organizations. For recent decorations, the authors relied on an interim update to Air Force Pamphlet 900–2 that included unit awards approved by the Air Force Personnel Council and major commands through 31 December 1991. In addition, when the authors were able to verify later awards, they included those whose coverage dates began prior to the cut-off date of 5 March 1993.

Most of the sources used to prepare this volume are located in the document collection of the Air Force Historical Research Agency at Maxwell AFB, Alabama. The most important sources consist of the histories that Air Force organizations at all echelons periodically prepare and send to the Agency under the auspices of the Air Force History Program. Other important Agency sources include: the organization record cards of each USAF unit and establishment; the emblem records and histories of virtually all USAF units and establishments; G-series special orders; operations plans and reports; organizational directories; and Department of the Air Force manpower and organization numbered letters.

USAF Active Flying, Space, and Missile Squadrons was prepared under the general direction of Dr. A. Timothy Warnock, Chief of the Organizational History Branch, Air Force Historical Research Agency. Ms. Judy G. Endicott, a lineage and honors specialist in the Organizational History Branch, supervised the project. Agency historians compiled the basic research on this volume in 1993–1995, while also working on the companion volume, *Active Air Force Wings*. Mr. Carl E. Bailey, Dr. W. Stuart Harris, Ms Sara K. Hartman, Mr. K. David Heskett, Mr. J. Robert Light, and Ms Johnna Adams Perdue completed this volume. Mr. George W. Cully worked briefly on this volume before receiving another position in the Air Force History Program at the end of 1993. Mr. Melvin A. Watts maintained voluminous squadron files and massaged the various computer drafts of the book.

We thank many people who contributed to the production of this book. Ms. Helen J. Weaver furnished valuable assistance in the intricacies of the organization records she maintains. Ms. Margaret C. Tolbert and Ms. Donna E. Billingsley of the Agency's Accessions Branch searched for and made available unaccessioned histories. Wing historians of the Air Force History Program clarified information, when necessary. Major Ann McCloud, of the HQ USAF Manpower & Organization Office, assisted in determining the

squadrons scheduled to remain active on 1 October 1995. Ms Anne Johnson-Sachs of the Air Force History Support Office guided this volume to publication. The media services staff at the 11th Wing in the Pentagon provided the color emblems. The staff of The [US Army] Institute of Heraldry furnished the official descriptions of the emblems. Although this brief note cannot name all the persons who assisted in one way or another, two individuals whose interest and support were vital to the project are Colonel Richard S. Rauschkolb, Commander of the Air Force Historical Research Agency, and Dr. Frederick J. Shaw, Jr., Chief of the Agency's Research Division.

Unfortunately, even with all the available information, the historians could not always ascertain specific facts. Specific dates of squadron deployments and attachments, for example, were often not to be found. To determine a particular fact from fragmentary and sometimes conflicting evidence, in these circumstances, required the historian's best judgment. This book is subject to revision in the light of evidence that may be discovered or may become available in the future. Comments and questions concerning the book may be addressed to the Organizational History Branch, Air Force Historical Research Agency, 600 Chennault Circle, Maxwell AFB, Alabama 36112-6424.

Explanatory Notes

(How to Use this Book)

The following notes explain the arrangement of information, and the terms and format used in USAF lineage and honors histories. The Heading, Lineage, Assignments, and Stations sections list complete data as of 1 October 1995; other areas that required research into unit histories are compiled through 5 March 1993.

Heading. The heading comprises the current numerical and functional designation of the squadron. Squadrons appear in numerical, then alphabetical order.

Lineage. Lineage entails tracing the organizational actions affecting the history of an organization. The official USAF statement of lineage forms the foundation of the squadron's history and governs the squadron's inheritance of emblem and honors. A description of the lineage system may be found in Air Force Instruction 38-101 "Air Force Organization." See Appendix I for Lineage Terms.

Assignments. Each of the squadron's immediate "parent" organizations is listed chronologically. The designation of the parent organization is shown in abbreviated form, omitting information such as "Heavy," "Medium," or "Light." A single date indicates the date of assignment; where a double date appears, the second date indicates termination of assignment. A semicolon is used to show a change of assignment while the squadron remained active; a period indicates the squadron was demobilized, disbanded, discontinued, or inactivated. If the squadron was attached for operational control to another organization, the attachment appears in parentheses, with brackets used to set off parenthetical elements within parentheses. Each attachment contains double dates. In some cases the exact dates for attached service could not be determined with certainty. A *circa* (c.) date is used in these instances.

Stations. Permanent locations of the squadrons are listed chronologically. The name of each base is the one in use at the time the squadron arrived, with any changes appearing in parentheses. Some foreign nations that hosted Air Force units are identified by their "popular" name, rather than their official name. Thus, the Republic of Korea appears as South Korea, the Republic of Vietnam as South Vietnam, and the Republic of China as either Formosa or Taiwan, depending upon the time. Squadrons located in occupied Germany prior to 1 September 1949 and in the Federal Republic of Germany before

and since reunification on 3 October 1990, are listed as being in Germany. A single date indicates the arrival of the squadron at a base. Semicolons separate the station-and-date entries while the squadron remained active but changed stations. If a squadron moved from one continent to another, a double date is provided for the station being vacated. A double date is also provided whenever a squadron arrived at a base and was subsequently demobilized, disbanded, discontinued, or inactivated. A period at the end of a second date indicates demobilization, disbandment, discontinuance, or inactivation. If the entire squadron maintained a significant deployment at another location, the deployment appears in parentheses. In some cases the exact dates of deployed service could not be determined with certainty. A *circa* (c.) date is used in these instances.

Aircraft/Missiles and Space Vehicles. The aircraft, missiles, and/or space vehicles used by the squadron appear in this section. In the missile category, only strategic or tactical surface-to-surface missiles are included because air-to-air, air-to-ground, or surface-to-air missiles are considered ordnance. Aircraft are listed by series and number (e.g., F-86 or EC-135), but not by model (e.g., B-52H or KC-135A). Missiles are listed by their popular names (e.g., Atlas, Titan I, Minuteman III). Space vehicles are listed as satellites. The years during which the squadron possessed a weapon system are also listed (e.g., RF-101, 1959-1965). For each period of a squadron's active service, different weapon systems possessed are separated by semicolons and the final entry followed by a period.

A squadron sometimes temporarily lost possession of its weapon system. Such temporary absences of a weapon system are shown by a comma. Example: B-52, 1957-1960, 1960-1962, 1963-1965. In other words, for a time in 1960 and in 1962-1963, the squadron had no B-52 aircraft for its own use, all being under the control of another organization.

Operations. Information in this section is extremely abbreviated, but mentions all combat and some other significant operations. Readers who wish to know more about a squadron's operations may visit the Air Force Historical Research Agency to conduct research, or purchase through the mail microfilm copies of unclassified histories. Some additional information may be found in the entries of the wing(s) to which the squadron was assigned or attached, either in the companion wing volume or the earlier volume of Charles A. Ravenstein's *Air Force Combat Wings: Lineage and Honors Histories, 1947-1977*.

Service Streamers. (See Appendix II for Service, Campaign, and Expeditionary Streamers.) Service streamers represent noncombat service in the various theaters of military operations. Those service streamers earned by a squadron are listed here. If a squadron participated in combat operations in a theater, it earned a campaign streamer instead of a service streamer.

Campaign Streamers. (See Appendix II.) Verified combat credit entitles a unit to the appropriate campaign streamers representing the named campaigns in which a squadron participated. The Historical Research Agency has traditionally evaluated and verified unit combat credits. Campaign streamers listed in this volume reflect each squadron's verified combat record except for the Gulf War campaign credits. The credits for the first two campaigns of the Persian Gulf War were provided by US Central Command Air Forces. Recipients of the third and final campaign streamer credit have not yet been announced.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers. (See Appendix II.) Until 1983, this Joint Chiefs of Staff award was given only to individuals, not to any USAF unit. Since that date, this award has been given to Air Force units for only two operations: the invasion and occupation of Grenada, 23 Oct–21 Nov 1983, and the US invasion of Panama, Dec 1989–Jan 1990.

Decorations. (See Appendix III for Unit Decorations.) Decorations include citations and awards recognizing distinguished or meritorious acts by a unit. In this list, the type of decoration is cited together with specific dates, if dates appeared in the award document. Air Force Pamphlet 900–2, produced by the Air Force Military Personnel Center, contains the official listing of unit decorations. The decorations listed in this volume generally agree with those appearing in the pamphlet, but some revisions have been made based on the basis of actual squadron operations. For example, the dates stated in an order may cover a time before a squadron was active or after it became inactive. Corrected dates are shown within brackets.

Emblem. The official description is provided for the most current squadron emblem. Any official motto is cited and translated to English if necessary. Finally, the date Headquarters USAF approved the emblem is cited with the negative number (when available) for obtaining photographs within parentheses. Also to assist the user in identifying and obtaining photographs of previous emblems of the unit, the approval dates of previous emblems are included with negative numbers placed within parentheses. If a motto was approved separately, its date of approval is also shown.

Negative numbers are preceded by “K, KE, K&KE, or DFSC.” These prefixes denote color negative numbers. Those followed by “AC” indicate that only a black and white negative is available. Negatives are located in three separate photographic repositories. Those wishing to obtain photographs may contact the Air Force Historical Research Agency, to ascertain which repository retains the desired negative(s). Note that the current emblem on the negative may not show recent minor changes.

Introduction

The term “squadron” literally means a square (from the Latin *quadrare*, to square). In military application, squadron describes a body of troops drawn into a square or arranged in formal order. For more than four centuries, western armed forces have ordered personnel and equipment in units known as squadrons. In navies, a squadron is a group of vessels consisting of two or more divisions of a fleet. For armies, the cavalry squadron is the most common type and consists of two or more elements called troops. How air forces came to adopt the squadron is an interesting story.

Early this century military doctrine treated air operations as an extension of the cavalry—a sky cavalry, so to speak. For example, a Jan 1912 report to the French Chamber of Deputies argued that “the aeroplane should not replace the cavalry, even in reconnaissance work; its action should be auxiliary to that of [the cavalry] and complete it.” Echoing this sentiment in 1913, General George P. Scriven, Chief Signal Officer of the US Army, testified before Congress that “the aeroplane is an adjunct to the cavalry.” Even as late as 1920 a much celebrated Air Service regulation seemed to reflect cavalry connections: “pilots will not wear spurs while flying!”

When the time came to form tactical aviation units, most military planners simply adapted the cavalry squadron organization to their purposes. Like the cavalry squadron, the new aero squadrons were administrative and tactical units which usually consisted of two or more elements. In England, the Royal Flying Corps formed the first two aero squadrons in May of 1912. Other nations quickly followed the British example. The widespread adoption of the squadron model prompted General Henry H. “Hap” Arnold, Commanding General of the US Army Air Forces in World War II, to observe that it is “the smallest administrative organization practically universally accepted for air units.”

The US Army Signal Corps organized the 1st Provisional Aero (now, 1st Reconnaissance) Squadron on 5 Mar 1913. Initially, US aero squadrons consisted of two elements called companies. By the time the United States entered World War I, they contained two or more elements called flights. Through the years, squadrons have varied in size and composition according to specific mission needs. However, the basic aero squadron design still endures and continues to give formal order to US Air Force assets.

Air Force Instruction 38–101, “Air Force Organization”, defines the squadron as “the basic unit in the Air Force.” A squadron may be either a *functional* unit, such as a maintenance, communications, or transportation squadron, or a *mission* unit, such as the flying, space and missile squadrons presented in this book.

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1st Airborne Command Control Squadron

Organized as Company A, 2d Balloon Squadron on 25 Sep 1917. Redesignated 1st Balloon Company on 19 Jun 1918. Inactivated on 25 Jul 1922. Redesignated 1st Airship Company on 24 Mar 1923. Consolidated (31 Jul 1929) with 1st Balloon Company, which was constituted on 18 Oct 1927, and activated, on 17 May 1929. Redesignated 1st Balloon Squadron on 1 Oct 1933. Disbanded on 6 Feb 1942. Reconstituted and consolidated (19 Sep 1985) with 1st Ferrying Squadron (constituted 1st Air Corps Ferrying Squadron on 18 Feb 1942; activated on 15 Apr 1942, redesignated 1st Ferrying Squadron on 12 May 1943; disbanded on 1 Apr 1944) and 1st Airborne Command Control Squadron (constituted on 9 May 1969; activated on 1 Jul 1969).

Assignments

Unkn, 25 Sep 1917–1918; Balloon Wing, I Army Corps, Jul 1918; Balloon Group, I Army Corps, 8 Oct 1918; Balloon Group, III Army Corps, c. 20 Nov 1918–16 Apr 1919; Balloon School, Ross Field, CA (later, Air Service Balloon Observers School), Jul 1919; Ninth Corps Area, 30 Jun–25 Jul 1922. Sixth Corps Area, 17 May 1929; Field Artillery School, Jun 1929; III Air Support Command (attached to Field Artillery School), 1 Sep 1941–6 Feb 1942. 6th Ferrying Group, 15 Apr 1942–1 Apr 1944. 1st Composite Wing, 1 Jul 1969; 55th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, 1 Nov 1975; 55th Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991–.

Stations

Ft Omaha, NE, 25 Sep 1917; Garden City, NY, 30 Nov–7 Dec 1917; Camp de Souge, Gironde, France, 3 Jan 1918; Brouville (near Baccarat), France, 15 Apr 1918; Les Ecoliers (near Montreuil-aux-Lions), France, 19 Jul 1918; Epaux-Bezu, France, 22 Jul 1918; Epieds, France, 25 Jul 1918; Artois Ferme (near Courpoil), France, 28 Jul 1918; Mareuil-en-Dole, France, 5 Aug 1918; Courcelles-sur-Vesle, France, 13 Aug 1918; Tremblecourt, France, 23 Aug 1918; La Queue de Theinard (near Domevre-en-Haye), France, 29 Aug 1918; Bois de Brule (near Neuville-en-Argonne), France, 27 Sep 1918; Varennes-en-Argonne, France, 2 Oct 1918; Chatel-Chehery, France, 11 Oct 1918; Auzeville-en-Argonne, France, 17 Oct 1918; Mercy-le-Bas, France, 21 Nov 1918; Euren, Germany, 8 Dec 1918; Niederberg (near Coblenz), Germany, 19 Dec 1918; Colombey-les-Belles, France, 17 Apr 1919; St Nazaire, France, c. 5 May 1919–unkn; Camp Lee, VA, c. 6 Jun 1919; Ross Field, CA, Jul 1919–25 Jul 1922. Scott Field, IL, 17 May 1929; Post Field, OK, 24 Jun 1929–6 Feb 1942. Long Beach, CA, 15 Apr 1942–1 Apr 1944. Andrews AFB, MD, 1 Jul 1969; Offutt AFB, NE, 1 Jul 1977–.

Aircraft

Type R Observation Balloon, 1918–1919, 1919–1922. A–6 and A–7 Spherical Balloon, 1929–1942; C–3 Observation Balloon, 1929–c. 1939; C–6 Observation Balloon, 1937, 1938–c. 1942; D–2 Barrage Balloon, 1939; D–3, D–4, D–5, and D–6 Barrage Balloon, 1940–1942. Unkn, 1942–1944. EC–135J, 1969–1975; E–4, 1974–.

Operations

Observation Unit on front lines with French Eighth Army and American I Army Corps, 19 Apr–17 Oct 1918; served with III Army Corps as part of occupation forces, Nov 1918–Apr 1919. Ferried aircraft from factories in the

Western Procurement District to overseas departure points, Apr 1942–Mar 1944. Provided aircraft for National Emergency Airborne Command Post in support of Presidential requirements from 1969 to present.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

World War I: Lorraine; Aisne-Marne; Champagne; St Mihiel; Meuse-Argonne.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: [1 Jul] 1969–31 Dec 1970; 1 Jan 1971–31 Dec 1972; 1 Jan 1974–31 Oct 1975; 1 Nov 1975–30 Jun 1976; 1 Jul 1976–30 Jun 1978; 1 Jul 1978–30 Jun 1980; 1 Jul 1987–30 Jun 1989; 1 Jul 1989–30 Jun 1991.

Emblem

A disc divided per fess Blue at the top and Yellow in base within a White band edged with a diminished Red border, issuing from base a White demisphere bendwise rimmed and grid lined Red overall in bend a White stylized eagle outlined Gray; around the circumference of the inner disc seven stars, five Yellow on the Blue portion and two Blue on the Yellow portion. Approved on 8 Aug 1969 (KE 36531); replaced emblem approved for 1st Ferrying Squadron on 21 Mar 1944 (K 2796).



1st Airlift Squadron

Constituted 1st Air Transport Squadron (Mobile) on 13 Mar 1944. Activated on 23 Mar 1944. Inactivated on 25 Mar 1946. Disbanded on 8 Oct 1948. Reconstituted, and redesignated 1st Air Transport Squadron, Medium, on 1 Sep 1953. Activated on 18 Nov 1953. Redesignated: 1st Air Transport Squadron, Heavy, on 8 Sep 1954; 1st Military Airlift Squadron on 8 Jan 1966. Inactivated on 30 Jun 1971. Activated on 12 Sep 1977. Redesignated 1st Airlift Squadron on 12 Jul 1991.

Assignments

Caribbean Wing, Air Transport Command, 23 Mar 1944; India-China Wing (later, India-China Division), Air Transport Command, c. 2 May 1944 (attached to XX Bomber Command, 17 May–20 Nov 1944); XX Bomber Command, 21 Nov 1944 (attached to 22d Air Depot Group, Nov–Dec 1944); United States Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas (later, US Army Strategic Air Forces), c. 20 Jun 1945; Eighth Air Force, 31 Jul 1945; Okinawa Air Depot, 10 Sep 1945; Far East Air Service Command, 9 Jan 1946; IV Air Service Area Command, 15 Jan–25 Mar 1946. 1607th Air Base Group, 18 Nov 1953; 1607th Air Transport Group, 1 Jan 1954; 1607th Air Transport Wing, 18 Jan 1963; 436th Military Airlift Wing, 8 Jan 1966–30 Jun 1971. 89th Military Airlift Wing, Special Mission (later, 89th Military Airlift Group; 89th Military Airlift Wing), 12 Sep 1977; 89th Operations Group, 12 Jul 1991–.

Stations

Homestead AAFld, FL, 23 Mar–21 Apr 1944; Kalaikunda, India, 3 May 1944 (air echelon operated from Kharagpur, India, 7 May–4 Aug 1945); Naha AB, Okinawa, 20 Jun 1945–25 Mar 1946. Dover AFB, DE, 18 Nov 1953–30 Jun 1971. Andrews AFB, MD, 12 Sep 1977–.

Aircraft

C–46, 1944–1946; C–87, 1944; C–47, 1945. C–54, 1953–1955; C–124, 1954–1960; C–133, 1960–1971. VC–6, 1977–1985; VC/C–9, 1977–1988; C–12, 1977–; VC–135, 1977–1991; VC–140, 1977–1987; C–20, 1983–1988; VC–137, 1987–;

Operations

Aerial transportation in CBI, May 1944–May 1945; and in Western Pacific, c. Sep–Dec 1945. Worldwide airlift beginning Nov 1953, including transport of personnel and equipment to and from Southeast Asia, 1966–1971. Worldwide airlift support for the President and other high-ranking dignitaries of US and foreign governments, and C–12 training for personnel from all branches of the military, 1977–. Transport of personnel to Southwest Asia, Aug 1990–Apr 1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaigns Streamers

World War II: India-Burma; Central Burma; China Defensive; Ryukyus.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Meritorious Unit Citation (Army): 5 Jun–5 Dec 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 26 Dec 1965–23 Jan 1966; 13 Nov–18 Dec 1967; 1 Jan 1968–31 Dec 1969; 1 Jul 1987–30 Jun 1989; 1 Jul 1989–30 Jun 1991; 1 Jul 1991–30 Jun 1992. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 1 Apr 1966–30 Jun 1971.

Emblem

On a Blue disc edged with a narrow Yellow border, a Red stylized fox head within two Yellow parabolic curves. *MOTTO*: SAM FOX. Approved on 16 May 1983 (DFSC 83–08000); replaced emblem approved on 17 Jan 1956 (K&KE 231).



1st Fighter Squadron

Constituted 1st Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 5 Oct 1944. Activated on 15 Oct 1944. Inactivated on 15 Oct 1946. Redesignated 1st Fighter-Day Squadron on 26 Aug 1954. Activated on 11 Nov 1954. Redesignated 1st Tactical Fighter Squadron on 1 Jul 1958. Inactivated on 15 Mar 1959. Redesignated 1st Tactical Fighter Training Squadron on 14 Oct 1983. Activated on 1 Jan 1984. Redesignated 1st Fighter Squadron on 1 Nov 1991.

Assignments

413th Fighter Group, 15 Oct 1944–15 Oct 1946. 413th Fighter-Day Group, 11 Nov 1954; 413th Fighter-Day (later, 413th Tactical Fighter) Wing, 8 Oct 1957–15 Mar 1959 (attached to Sixteenth Air Force, 27 Jun–c. 12 Nov 1958). 325th Tactical Training Wing, 1 Jan 1984; 325th Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991–.

Stations

Seymour Johnson Field, NC, 15 Oct 1944; Bluethenthal Field, NC, 9 Nov 1944–7 Apr 1945; Ie Shima, 19 May 1945; Kadena AB, Okinawa, c. 17 Nov 1945; Yontan AB, Okinawa, 29 Jan–15 Oct 1946. George AFB, CA, 11 Nov 1954–15 Mar 1959 (deployed at Moron AB, Spain, 27 Jun–c. 12 Nov 1958). Tyndall AFB, FL, 1 Jan 1984–.

Aircraft

P–47, 1944–1946. F–86, 1954–1956; F–100, 1956–1959. F–15, 1984–.

Operations

Combat in Western Pacific, 20 May–14 Aug 1945. Air superiority and dissimilar air combat training, 1984–. NORAD alert duty, 1988–1990.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Japan; Eastern Mandates; Western Pacific; Ryukyus; China Offensive.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award: [1 Jan 1984]–31 May 1985.

Emblem

On a Yellow disc, edged Blue, a stylized representation of one of the Furies (mythical Greek goddesses of vengeance), wearing a Black form-fitting gown, and cape trimmed on under side Red, and Red boots, seated on a large, White cloud formation in base, facing toward sinister, and holding a skull, proper, in the right hand. Originally approved on 1 Mar 1945 (K 8809) and

most recently modified and reinstated in 1994; replaced emblem approved for use May 1984–Jan 1986 and Apr 1986–c. Jun 1994.



1st Helicopter Squadron

Constituted 1st Fighter Reconnaissance Squadron on 11 Apr 1944. Activated on 20 Apr 1944. Redesignated 1st Fighter Squadron, Commando, on 2 Jun 1944. Inactivated on 12 Nov 1945. Disbanded on 8 Oct 1948. Reconstituted, and consolidated (19 Sep 1985) with the 1st Helicopter Squadron, which was constituted on 9 May 1969. Activated on 1 Jul 1969.

Assignments

Third Air Force, 20 Apr 1944; 2d Air Commando Group, 22 Apr 1944–12 Nov 1945. 1st Composite Wing, 1 Jul 1969; 89th Military Airlift Wing, Special Mission (later, 89th Military Airlift Group; 89th Military Airlift Wing), 1 Jul 1976; 89th Operations Group, 12 Jul 1991–.

Stations

Lakeland AAFld, FL, 20 Apr 1944; Cross City AAFld, FL, 12 Jun 1944; Alachua AAFld, FL, 21 Jun 1944; Drew Field, FL, 17 Aug 1944; Lakeland AAFld, FL, 22 Aug–23 Oct 1944; Kalaikunda, India, 14 Dec 1944; Cox's Bazaar, India, 13 Feb 1945; Kalaikunda, India, 10 May–22 Oct 1945; Camp Kilmer, NJ, 11–12 Nov 1945. Andrews AFB, MD, 1 Jul 1969–.

Aircraft

P-51, 1944–1945; F-6, 1945. CH-21, 1969–1970; TH-1, 1969–1970; UH-1, 1969–; CH-3, 1970–1988.

Operations

Combat in CBI, 14 Feb–9 May 1945. From 1969, provided local airlift for the Executive Department, high-ranking dignitaries, and distinguished visitors; support for emergency evacuation of key government officials; search and rescue; and emergency medical evacuation.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaigns Streamers

World War II: Central Burma.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: Bangkok, Thailand, 15 Mar 1945. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1976–31 Jan 1977; 1 Jul 1987–30 Jun 1989; 1 Jul 1989–30 Jun 1991; 1 Jul 1991–30 Jun 1992.

Emblem

On a Blue disc edged Yellow within a pattern of five Yellow stars forming a pentagon the White silhouette of the Washington Monument rising from a Green mound in base, the Monument surmounted by a Gray silhouetted helicopter fesswise. *MOTTO*: FIRST AND FOREMOST. Approved on 25 Feb 1970 (KE 37041).



1st Reconnaissance Squadron

Organized as 1st Provisional Aero Squadron on 5 Mar 1913. Redesignated: 1st Aero Squadron on 8 Dec 1913; 1st Squadron (Observation) on 14 Mar 1921; 1st Observation Squadron on 25 Jan 1923; 1st Bombardment Squadron on 1 Mar 1935; 1st Bombardment Squadron (Medium) on 6 Dec 1939; 1st Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 20 Nov 1940; 1st Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, on 28 Mar 1944; 1st Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, Photographic, on 10 Oct 1948; 1st Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, on 1 Apr 1950; 1st Bombardment Squadron, Medium, on 2 Oct 1950; 1st Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron on 25 Jun 1966; 1st Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron (Training) on 1 Jul 1990; 1st Reconnaissance Squadron (Training) on 1 Sep 1991; 1st Reconnaissance Squadron on 1 Jul 1994.

Assignments

Unkn, 5 Mar 1913–Apr 1918; I Corps Observation Group, Apr–Nov 1918; unkn, Nov 1918–1 Oct 1919; 1st Army Observation (later, 7th Observation) Group, 1 Oct 1919 (attached to 1st Provisional Air Brigade for operations, 6 May–3 Oct 1921); 2d Wing, 30 Aug 1921; Second Corps Area, 30 Sep 1921; 9th Observation (later, 9th Bombardment) Group, assigned 1 Aug 1922, attached 24 Mar 1923, and assigned 15 Feb 1929; 311th Air Division, 10 Oct 1948 (attached to 55th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, 10–26 Oct 1948, and to 55th Strategic Reconnaissance Group, 27 Oct 1948–31 May 1949); 9th Strategic Reconnaissance (later, 9th Bombardment) Group, 1 Jun 1949 (attached to 9th Bombardment Wing, 10 Feb 1951–15 Jun 1952); 9th Bombardment (later, 9th Strategic Aerospace; 9th Strategic Reconnaissance) Wing, 16 Jun 1952; 9th Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991–.

Stations

Texas City, TX, 5 Mar 1913; San Diego, CA, c. 28 Nov 1913 (detachment operated from Ft Crockett, TX, 30 Apr–13 Jul 1914; from Brownsville, TX, 17 Apr–c. 24 May 1915); Ft Sill, OK, 29 Jul 1915 (detachment operated from Brownsville, TX, 18 Aug–c. Dec 1915); Ft Sam Houston, TX, 26 Nov 1915; Columbus, NM, 15 Mar 1916; Casas Grandes, Mexico (operated from Colonia Dublan), 19 Mar 1916; San Geronimo, Mexico, 5 Apr 1916; San Antonio, Mexico, 9 Apr 1916; Satevo, Mexico, 11 Apr 1916; Namiquipa, Mexico, 17 Apr 1916; Columbus, NM, 22 Apr 1916–5 Aug 1917 (detachments operated from Colonia Dublan and El Valle, Mexico, until c. Jan 1917); Avord, France, 13 Sep 1917; Issoudun, France, 20 Sep 1917; Amanty, France, 19 Oct 1917; Ourches, France, 4 Apr 1918; Saints, France, 29 Jun 1918; Francheville, France, 6 Jul 1918; Moras Ferme (near La Ferte-sous-Jouarre), France, c. 22 Jul 1918; May-en-Multien, France, 5 Aug 1918; Coincy, France, 10 Aug 1918; Chailly-en-Brie, France, 13 Aug 1918; Toul, France, 22 Aug 1918; Remicourt, France, 21 Sep 1918; Julvecourt, France, 5 Nov 1918; Mercy-le-Bas, France, 21 Nov 1918; Trier, Germany, 6 Dec 1918; Weissenthurm, Germany, 21 Jan–14 Jul 1919; Park Field, TN, 4 Aug 1919; Mitchel Field, NY, 10 Oct 1919–6 Nov 1940 (operated from Langley Field, VA, 6 May–26 Oct 1921); Rio Hato, Panama, 13 Nov 1940; Piarco Aprt, Trinidad, 24 Apr 1941; Waller Field, Trinidad, 29 Oct 1941; Edinburgh Field, Trinidad, 23 Aug 1942; Orlando AB, FL, 31 Oct 1942; Brooksville, FL, 15 Dec 1942; Orlando AB, FL, 25 Feb 1944; Dalhart AAFld, TX, c. 3 Mar 1944; McCook AAFld, NE, 19 May–18 Nov 1944; North Field, Tinian, 28 Dec 1944–7 Mar 1946; Clark Field, Luzon, 14 Mar 1946; Harmon

Field, Guam, 9 Jun 1947–10 Oct 1948; Topeka AFB, KS, 10 Oct 1948; Fairfield–Suisun (later, Travis) AFB, CA, 1 Jun 1949; Mountain Home AFB, ID, 1 May 1953 (deployed at Fairford RAF Station, England, 22 May–8 Jul 1955); Beale AFB, CA, 25 Jun 1966–.

Aircraft

In addition to Wright C, 1913–1914, and Burgess H, 1913–1915, included Wright B, Burgess F, Burgess I-Scout, Burgess J-Scout, Curtiss D, Curtiss E, Curtiss H, Martin TT, and apparently Wright D-Scout, during period 1913–1915; JN–2 (JN–3), 1915–1916; N–8, 1916; in addition to R–2, 1916–1917, included (for field testing) H–2, H–3, Twin JN, R–Land, Sturtevant Adv Tr, V–1, D–5, and JN–4 during period 1916–1917; AR–1, 1917–1918; Spad XI, 1918; Salmson 2, 1918–1919; in addition to DH–4 apparently included O–2 during period 1919–1928; in addition to O–1, c. 1928–1936, included O–13, Y1O–31, Y1O–35, O–39, Y1O–40, and B–6, during period 1930–1936; B–10, 1936–1938; B–18, 1939–1942; B–17, 1942–1944, 1948–1949; B–29, 1944–1947, 1948–1949, 1950–1954; RB–17, 1948–1949; RB–29, 1948–1949; B–36, 1949–1950; B–47, 1954–1966; SR–71, 1966–1990; T–38, 1969–; U–2, 1990–.

Operations

Organized in response to Mexican Revolution of Feb 1913; deployed detachments to Texas, for projected foreign service during Tampico-Vera Cruz crisis, Apr–Jul 1914, and for border patrol duty, Apr–May 1915, Aug–c. Dec 1915; served as reconnaissance and liaison unit with Punitive Expedition to Mexico, Mar 1916–c. Jan 1917; patrolled border until c. May 1917. Combat as corps observation unit with French XXXVIII Army Corps and American I Army Corps, 11 Apr–8 Nov 1918; served with III Army Corps as part of occupation forces, Nov 1918–Jul 1919. Participated in demonstrations of effectiveness of aerial bombardment on warships, Jun–Sep 1921. Antisubmarine patrols, and reconnaissance of Vichy French fleet at Martinique, Dec 1941–Oct 1942. Trained cadres for bombardment units, Nov 1942–Feb 1944. Combat in Western Pacific, 25 Jan–14 Aug 1945. Unmanned Apr 1947–10 Oct 1948. Photographic reconnaissance, Oct 1948–Apr 1950. Returned to bombardment training, Apr 1950–Jun 1966. Worldwide reconnaissance with SR–71 aircraft, Jun 1966–Jun 1990. Reconnaissance pilot training with U–2 aircraft, 1990–.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

Mexico 1916–1917. World War I: Lorraine; Ile-de-France; Champagne; Champagne-Marne; Aisne-Marne; St Mihiel; Meuse-Argonne. World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater; Air Offensive, Japan; Eastern Mandates; Western Pacific.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Kawasaki, Japan, 15–16 Apr 1945; Japan, 13–28 May 1945. Presidential Unit Citation: 31 Mar–31 Dec 1968. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award With Combat “V” Device: 1 Jul 1972–30 Jun 1973. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jan 1957–31 Jan 1958; 1 Jul 1967–30 Jun 1968; 1 Jul 1970–30 Jun 1971; 1 Jul 1971–30 Jun 1972; 1 Jul 1975–30 Jun 1977; 1 Jul 1981–30 Jun 1982; 1 Jul 1983–30 Jun 1984; 1 Jul 1985–30 Jun 1986; 1 Jul 1986–30 Jun 1987; 1 Jul 1989–30 Jun 1990; 1 Sep 1991–30 Jun 1993.

Emblem

A Brown cave man wearing a Black breech clout standing on a Black mound, looking to dexter with right hand shielding his eyes, left hand holding a spear horizontally, in front of a rising sun, against a Blue background; all within a Black bordered Gold annulet bearing thirteen Black crosses patee. Approved on 14 Jul 1931 (K 7136).



1st Space Operations Squadron

Constituted 1st Aerospace Surveillance and Control Squadron, and activated, on 6 Feb 1961. Organized on 14 Feb 1961. Redesignated 1st Aerospace Control Squadron on 1 Jul 1962. Inactivated on 21 Apr 1976. Redesignated 1st Satellite Control Squadron on 25 Sep 1987. Activated on 5 Oct 1987. Redesignated 1st Space Operations Squadron on 30 Jan 1992.

Assignments

Air Defense Command, 6 Feb 1961; 9th Aerospace Defense Division, 1 Oct 1961; Fourteenth Aerospace Force, 1 Jul 1968–21 Apr 1976. 2d Space Wing, 5 Oct 1987; 50th Operations Group, 30 Jan 1992–.

Stations

Ent AFB, CO, 14 Feb 1961; Cheyenne Mountain Complex, CO, Apr 1966–21 Apr 1976. Falcon AFS (later, AFB), CO, 5 Oct 1987–.

Space Systems

Satellites, 1961–1976. Satellites, 1987–.

Operations

Operated Space Detection and Tracking System Center, tracking and cataloging man-made objects in space, 1961–1976. Satellite command and control for the NAVSTAR Global Positioning System, the Defense Meteorological Satellite Program, and the Defense Support Program, 1987–.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jun 1961–15 Sep 1963; 1 Jun 1973–30 Jun 1974; 1 Dec 1987–30 Nov 1989; 1 Sep 1990–31 Aug 1991.

Emblem

On a disc Azure, three bars arched to base Or, superimposed at fess point by a stylized satellite of the like charged with a mullet of the first between in fess two polestars and pointing to chief a flight symbol at honor point all Argent. *MOTTO*: ALWAYS IN CONTROL. Approved on 12 Nov 1993 (DFSC 94–02412); replaced emblems approved on 30 Jun 1988 (DFSC 88–08481) and 6 Feb 1962 (K 12986).



1st Special Operations Squadron

The 1st Pursuit Squadron (constituted 1st Pursuit Squadron [Single Engine] and activated, on 1 Aug 1939; redesignated 1st Pursuit Squadron [Interceptor], on 6 Dec 1939; disbanded on 1 May 1942; reconstituted on 19 Sep 1945) consolidated (19 Sep 1945) with 1st Liaison Squadron (constituted 1st Liaison Flight on 27 Sep 1949; activated on 24 Oct 1949; inactivated on 22 Jul 1952; redesignated 1st Liaison Squadron on 13 Feb 1953; activated on 8 Apr 1953; inactivated on 18 Jan 1954) and 1st Special Operations Squadron (constituted 1st Air Commando Squadron, Composite, and activated, on 17 Jun 1963; organized on 8 Jul 1963; redesignated: 1st Air Commando Squadron, Fighter, on 15 Aug 1967; 1st Special Operations Squadron on 1 Aug 1968).

Assignments

23d Composite Group (later, Air Corps Proving Ground Detachment; Air Corps Proving Ground Group), 1 Aug 1939–1 May 1942. Twelfth Air Force, 24 Oct 1949 (attached to 2602d Tow Target Squadron, 24 Oct 1949–22 May 1950; 1st Tow Target Squadron, 27 May 1950–22 Jul 1952); Fourteenth Air Force, 1 Jul 1950; Tactical Air Command, 1 Aug 1950; Ninth Air Force, 10 Aug 1951–22 Jul 1952. Ninth Air Force, 8 Apr 1953–18 Jan 1954 (attached to 479th Fighter-Bomber Wing, 8 Apr 1953–18 Jan 1954). Pacific Air Forces, 17 Jun 1963; 34th Tactical Group, 8 Jul 1963; 6251st Tactical Fighter Wing, 8 Jul 1965 (attached to 3d Tactical Fighter Wing, 21 Nov 1965–8 Mar 1966); 2d Air Division, 18 Feb 1966; 14th Air Commando Wing, 8 Mar 1966; 56th Air Commando (later, 56th Special Operations) Wing, 20 Dec 1967; 18th Tactical Fighter Wing, 15 Dec 1972; 18th Tactical Fighter Group, 1 May 1978; 3d Tactical Fighter Wing, 15 Jan 1981; 2d Air Division, 1 Mar 1983; Twenty-third Air Force, 1 Feb 1987; 353d Special Operations Wing (later, 353d Special Operations Group), 6 Apr 1989–.

Stations

Maxwell Field, AL, 1 Aug 1939; Orlando, FL, c. 1 Sep 1940; Eglin Field, FL, 29 Jun 1941–1 May 1942. Biggs AFB, TX, 24 Oct 1949–22 Jul 1952. George AFB, CA, 8 Apr 1953–18 Jan 1954. Bien Hoa AB, South Vietnam, 8 Jul 1963; Pleiku AB, South Vietnam, 5 Jan 1966; Nakhon Phanom RTAFB, Thailand, 20 Dec 1967; Kadena AB, Japan, 15 Dec 1972 (segment of squadron operated from Nakhon Phanom RTAFB, 15 Dec 1972–28 Jan 1973); Clark AB, Philippines, 1 Jan 1981; Kadena AB, Japan, 5 Feb 1992–.

Aircraft

P–36, 1939–1942; YP–37, 1939–1940; O–38, 1940; B–12, 1940; C–40, 1940; P–40, 1941–1942. L–13, 1949–1952; C–45, 1952; L–20, 1952. L–20, 1953–1954; H–19, 1953–1954. B–26, 1963–1964; T–28, 1963–1964; U–10, 1963–1966; C–47, 1963–1966; RB–26, 1963–1964; A–1, 1964–1972; FC–47, 1964–1965; AC–47, 1965; C(later, MC)–130, 1972–.

Operations

Gunnery testing and training, 1939–1942. Flew administrative flights, 1949–1952 and 1953–1954. Combat in Southeast Asia, 8 Jul 1963–7 Nov 1972 and 15 Dec 1972–28 Jan 1973. Trained Vietnamese Air Force pilots in counterinsurgency operations, Jul 1963–Nov 1972.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

Vietnam: Vietnam Advisory; Vietnam Defensive; Vietnam Air; Vietnam Air Offensive; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air/Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; TET 69/ Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer-Fall, 1969; Vietnam Winter-Spring, 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon; Commando Hunt V; Commando Hunt VI; Commando Hunt VII; Vietnam Ceasefire.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Presidential Unit Citations (Southeast Asia): 1 Aug 1964–15 Apr 1965; 8 Mar 1966–7 Mar 1967; 1 Nov 1968–1 May 1969; 1 Oct 1969–30 Apr 1970; 1 Apr–15 Dec 1972. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat “V” Device: 1 Dec 1970–30 Nov 1971; 1 Dec 1971–29 Feb 1972. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 May 1963–31 Jul 1964; 1 Apr 1974–31 Mar 1976; 1 Apr 1976–31 Dec 1977; 1 Sep 1978–30 Sep 1979; 1 Oct 1979–31 May 1980; 15 Feb 1980–30 Apr 1982; 1 Feb 1986–31 Jan 1988; 6 Apr 1989–5 Apr 1991. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 1 Oct 1967–15 Dec 1972.

Emblem

On a Blue disc within a narrow Gold border a White pale and over all a Red eagle displayed eye Gold detailed Blue, outlined and detailed White, grasping in its talon in dexter base the end of an arrow bendwise that is banded with two, in saltire with one and one palewise all Gold and grasping in its talon in sinister base a Gold rose compass highlighted White. Approved on 20 May 1966 (K&KE 17564).



2d Air Refueling Squadron

Organized as 1st Company, 2d Aero Squadron, on 1 Dec 1915. Redesignated: 2d Aero Squadron on 20 Jul 1917; Squadron A, Kelly Field, TX, on 23 Jul 1918. Demobilized on 18 Nov 1918. Reconstituted, and consolidated (8 Apr 1924) with 2d Observation Squadron, which was organized as 2d Aero Squadron (Observation) on 5 Jun 1919. Redesignated: 2d Squadron on 14 Mar 1921; 2d Observation Squadron on 25 Jan 1923; 2d Observation Squadron (Medium) on 26 Feb 1942. Inactivated on 2 Apr 1946. Consolidated (19 Sep 1985) with 2d Air Refueling Squadron, Medium, which was constituted on 27 Oct 1948. Activated on 1 Jan 1949. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 1 Apr 1963. Redesignated 2d Air Refueling Squadron, Heavy, on 19 Sep 1985. Activated on 3 Jan 1989. Redesignated 2d Air Refueling Squadron on 1 Sep 1991.

Assignments

Unkn, 1 Dec 1915–Feb 1916; Philippine Department, Feb 1916–Oct 1917; unkn, Oct 1917–18 Nov 1918. Unkn, 5 Jun–24 Dec 1919; Philippine Department, 24 Dec 1919; 1st Observation (later, 4th Observation; 4th Composite) Group, 10 Mar 1920; Far East (later, Fifth) Air Force, 28 Oct 1941–2 Apr 1946. 2d Bombardment Group, 1 Jan 1949 (attached to 2d Bombardment Wing, 10 Feb 1951–15 Jun 1952); 2d Bombardment Wing, 16 Jun 1952–1 Apr 1963. 2d Bombardment Wing, 3 Jan 1989; 2d Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991; 458th Operations Group, 1 Jun 1992; 305th Operations Group, 1 Jul 1995–.

Stations

San Diego, CA, 1 Dec 1915–2 Jan 1916; Fort McKinley, Luzon, 3 Feb 1916; Fort Mills, Corregidor, 14 Feb 1916–c. 15 Oct 1917; Kelly Field, TX, Nov 1917–18 Nov 1918. Rockwell Field, CA, 5 Jun–29 Nov 1919; Fort Mills, Corregidor, 24 Dec 1919; Kindley Field, Corregidor, 15 Oct 1920; Nichols Field, Luzon, Jun 1929; Clark Field, Luzon, c. 1 Nov 1940; Nichols Field, Luzon, c. Nov–Dec 1941. Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ, 1 Jan 1949; Chatham AFB, GA, 16 Sep 1950; Hunter Field (later, AFB), GA, 28 Sep 1950–1 Apr 1963 (deployed at Lakenheath RAF Station, England, 4 May–30 Aug 1951 and 4 Sep–3 Dec 1952; Benguerir AB, French Morocco, 12 Aug–20 Sep 1954; and Sidi Slimane AB, Morocco, 6 Jul–24 Aug 1956). Barksdale AFB, LA, 3 Jan 1989; McGuire AFB, NJ, 1 Oct 1994–.

Aircraft

Martin S-Hydro, 1916–1917; apparently JN–4, 1917–1918. HS2L, N–9, HS1L, S–1, and apparently DH–4, 1919–1925; DH–4, O–2, O–5, OA–1, S–1, and COA–1, 1925–1931; O–19, C–6, OA–3, 1931–1938; O–46, and apparently OA–4 and OA–9, 1938–1941; O–52, 1941. Unkn, 1949; KB–29, 1950–1953; KC–97, 1953–1963. KC–10, 1989–.

Operations

Evidently a flying training unit, 1917–18 Nov 1918. Combat in the Philippines in Dec 1941, when Japanese attacks destroyed its aircraft, its surviving personnel were absorbed by other units; carried as an active unit without personnel from Dec 1941 until 2 Apr 1946. Air refueling operations, 1950–1963 and 1989–present, including aerial refueling support in Southwest Asia, Aug 1990–Apr 1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Philippine Islands. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia, Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Philippine Islands, 7 Dec 1941–[Dec 1941]; Philippine Islands, 8–22 Dec 1941. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Nov 1956–1 Apr 1957; [3 Jan 1989]–30 Jun 1989. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII).

Emblem

Azure, “Neptune” grasping in sinister hand a trident fesswise Argent, bearded, eyed and crowned Sable, astride an eagle volant Gray, eyed Black head, beak, tail and outer wings White, grasping a refueling boom of the last, all within a diminished bordure Gules. Approved on 13 April 1995; based on emblems approved on 7 Mar 1989 and 21 May 1924 (27301 A.C.); replaced emblem approved on 20 Feb 1952 (K 6460). *MOTTO*: SECOND TO NONE. Approved on 7 Mar 1989.



2d Airlift Squadron

Constituted 2d Provisional Transport Squadron on 1 Mar 1935. Redesignated 2d Transport Squadron, and activated, on 28 Jun 1935. Redesignated 2d Troop Carrier Squadron on 4 Jul 1942. Inactivated on 24 Dec 1945. Redesignated 2d Airlift Squadron, and activated, on 1 Jun 1992.

Assignments

Middletown Air Depot, PA, 28 Jun 1935; 10th Transport (later, 10th Troop Carrier) Group, 20 May 1937; Tenth Air Force, c. 17 Feb 1943 (attached to India-China Wing, Air Transport Command, 9 Mar–1 Jul 1943); Assam Air Base Command, c. 1 Jul 1943 (attached to Troop Carrier Command, Eastern Air Command, 20 Dec 1943–6 Mar 1944); 443d Troop Carrier Group, 6 Mar 1944–24 Dec 1945. 23d Operations Group, 1 Jun 1992–.

Stations

Olmsted Field, PA, 28 Jun 1935; Stout Field, IN, 21 May 1942; Kellogg Field, MI, 1 Jul 1942; Bowman Field, KY, 4 Aug 1942; Pope Field, NC, 1 Oct 1942–23 Jan 1943; Yangkai, China, 17 Feb 1943; Dinjan, India, 1 Jul 1943; Shingbuiyang, Burma, 14 Aug 1944; Dinjan, India, 1 Jun 1945; Chihkiang, China, 24 Aug 1945; Hankow, China, 25 Sep–21 Nov 1945; Camp Anza, CA, 23–24 Dec 1945. Pope AFB, NC, 1 Jun 1992–.

Aircraft

C–27, 1935–1937; C–33, 1936–1939; including C–39 and various civilian and military modifications of DC–3 during period 1939–1941; C–47, 1942–1945; C–46, 1945. C–130, 1992–.

Operations

Trained transport pilots, 21 May–1 Oct 1942; airborne assault on Myitkyina, Burma, 17 May 1944; aerial transportation in CBI, 25 Feb 1943–c. Aug 1945; airlift of Chinese troops to eastern China for disarmament operations, Sep–Nov 1945. Airlift for airborne troops, 1 Jun 1992–.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: India-Burma with Arrowhead; China Defensive; Central Burma; China Offensive.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: China, Burma, and India, [25 Feb]–31 Dec 1943; Burma, 1–29 Feb 1944; China, 5–30 Sep 1945.

Emblem

Upon a disc per bend indented Or and Azure, a Brown spear in fesse, headed Gold, winged Gules. Approved on 5 May 1942 (K 2903).



2d Fighter Squadron

Constituted 2d Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) on 20 Nov 1940. Activated on 15 Jan 1941. Redesignated: 2d Fighter Squadron on 15 May 1942; 2d Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 20 Aug 1944. Inactivated on 7 Nov 1945. Redesignated 2d Fighter Squadron (All Weather) on 18 Oct 1946. Activated on 9 Nov 1946. Redesignated: 2d Fighter Squadron, All Weather, on 10 May 1948; 2d Fighter-All Weather Squadron on 20 Jan 1950; 2d Fighter-Interceptor Squadron on 1 May 1951. Inactivated on 31 Dec 1969. Activated on 1 Jul 1971. Inactivated on 31 Mar 1973. Redesignated 2d Fighter-Interceptor Training Squadron on 15 Aug 1974. Activated on 1 Sep 1974. Redesignated: 2d Fighter Weapons Squadron on 1 Feb 1982; 2d Tactical Fighter Training Squadron on 1 May 1984; 2d Fighter Squadron on 1 Nov 1991.

Assignments

52d Pursuit (later, 52d Fighter) Group, 15 Jan 1941–7 Nov 1945. 52d Fighter (later, 52d Fighter-All Weather; 52d Fighter-Interceptor) Group, 9 Nov 1946; 4709th Defense Wing, 6 Feb 1952; 568th Air Defense Group, 16 Feb 1953; 4709th Defense (later, 4709th Air Defense) Wing, 8 Jul 1954; 52d Fighter Group, 18 Aug 1955; 52d Fighter Wing, 1 Jul 1963; 52d Fighter Group, 30 Sep 1968–31 Dec 1969. 23d Air Division, 1 Jul 1971–31 Mar 1973. Air (later, USAF Air) Defense Weapons Center, 1 Sep 1974; 325th Fighter Weapons (later, 325th Tactical Training) Wing, 1 Jul 1981; 325th Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991–.

Stations

Selfridge Field, MI, 15 Jan 1941; Norfolk, VA, 17 Dec 1941; Selfridge Field, MI, 14 Jan 1942; Florence, SC, 18 Feb 1942; Wilmington, NC, 27 Apr 1942; Grenier Field, NH, 14 Jun–19 Jul 1942; Eglinton, Northern Ireland, 19 Aug 1942; Goxhill, England, 26 Aug–27 Oct 1942 (air echelon at Biggin Hill, England, 26 Aug–13 Sep 1942; Gibraltar, 6–8 Nov 1942; Tafaraoui, Algeria, 8–14 Nov 1942); La Senia, Algeria, 13 Nov 1942 (air echelon at Maison Blanche, Algeria, 24 Nov–4 Dec 1942; Bone, Algeria, 28 Nov 1942–11 Jan 1943); Orleansville, Algeria, 30 Dec 1942 (air echelon at Bone, Algeria, to 11 Jan 1943; at Biskra, Algeria, 4 Jan–19 Jan 1943); Relizane, Algeria, 15 Jan 1943; Biskra, Algeria, 20 Jan 1943; Chateaudun-du-Rhumel, Algeria, 16 Feb 1943 (air echelon at Thelepte No. 1, Tunisia, 15–17 Feb 1943; Youks-les-Bains, 17–20 Feb 1943; and at Canrobert, Algeria, 20 Feb 1943); Ain M'Lila, Algeria, 23 Feb 1943; Youks-les-Bains, Algeria, 8 Mar 1943 (air echelon at Thelepte No. 2, Tunisia, 10 Mar–6 Apr 1943; Sbeitla, Tunisia, 6–14 Apr 1943; Gidem [Le Sers No. 3], Tunisia, 14–20 Apr 1943); Le Sers, Tunisia, 20 Apr 1943; La Sebala, Tunisia, 22 May 1943 (air echelon at Le Sers No. 3, Tunisia, 22–23 May 1943; Bocca di Falco, Sicily, 29 Jul–6 Aug 1943); Bocca di Falco, Sicily, 6 Aug 1943; Borgo, Corsica, 3 Dec 1943; Aghione Airfield, Corsica, 27 Apr 1944; Madna Airfield, Italy, 16 May 1944 (air echelon at Piryatin, USSR, 4–6 Jul 1944); Piagiolino Airfield, Italy, 21 Apr 1945; Lesina Airfield, Italy, c. 10 Jul–13 Aug 1945; Drew Field, FL, 25 Aug–7 Nov 1945. Schweinfurt, Germany, 9 Nov 1946; Bad Kissingen, Germany, 5 May–25 Jun 1947; Mitchel Field (later, AFB), NY, 25 Jun 1947; McGuire AFB, NJ, 4 Oct 1949; Suffolk County AFB, NY, 18 Aug 1955–31 Dec 1969. Wurtsmith AFB, MI, 1 Jul 1971–31 Mar 1973. Tyndall AFB, FL, 1 Sep 1974–.

Aircraft

P–40, 1941–1942; P–39, 1942; Spitfire, 1942–1944; P–51, 1944–1945. A–26, 1946–1947; P(later, F)–61, 1947–1948; F–82, 1948–1950; F–94, 1950–1953; F–84, 1953; F–86, 1953–1957; F–102, 1957–1959; F–101, 1959–1969. F–106, 1971–1973. F–101, 1974–1981; F–106, 1974–1984; F–15, 1984–.

Operations

Combat in ETO and MTO, Aug 1942–30 Apr 1945. Air defense, 1947–1969, and 1971–1973. Fighter-Interceptor training, 1974–1984. Air superiority and dissimilar air combat training, 1984–. NORAD alert duty, 1988–1990.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Algeria-French Morocco; Tunisia; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Rome-Arno; Normandy; Northern France; Southern France; North Apennines; Rhineland; Central Europe; Po Valley; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Germany, 9 Jun 1944; Rumania, 31 Aug 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1971–31 Mar 1972; [1 Sep 1974]–31 May 1975; 1 Jul 1981–31 Mar 1983; 1 Jun 1983–31 May 1985.

Emblem

On an Argent field, encircled with an annulet Or, a unicorn's head Sable, erased Gules, with wings endorsed. Approved on 11 Jan 1951 (K 10911). *MOTTO*: SECOND TO NONE. Approved on 5 Mar 1959.



2d Space Launch Squadron

Constituted 2d Space Launch Squadron on 11 Sep 1990. Activated on 1 Oct 1990.

Assignments

Western Space and Missile Center, 1 Oct 1990; 30th Operations Group, 19 Nov 1991–.

Stations

Vandenberg AFB, CA, 1 Oct 1990–.

Operations

Atlas E booster launch operations, Sep 1990–.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award: 1 Nov 1991–30 Sep 1993.

Emblem

On an Ultramarine Azure disc, a Vert and Brittany Azure earth is positioned at dexter and extends to dexter base. Two Or polar orbiting satellites circle the earth from the chief position and the sinister base position on the earth, followed by their Argent orbital traces. An Argent launch vehicle jessants the earth from base, followed by a broad Or plume. The vehicle extends from base to sinister chief on the disc. Three Argent estoilles are placed on the disc, one at chief, one at sinister and the third at sinister base. Approved on 15 Jan 1991 (DFSC 91–03989). *MOTTO*: RISING STARS. Approved on 24 May 1995.



2d Space Operations Squadron

Constituted 2d Surveillance Squadron (Sensor), and activated, on 16 Jan 1962. Organized on 1 Feb 1962. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 1 Jan 1967. Redesignated 2d Satellite Control Squadron on 16 Jul 1985. Activated on 1 Oct 1985. Redesignated 2d Space Operations Squadron on 30 Jan 1992.

Assignments

Air Defense Command, 16 Jan 1962; 9th Aerospace Defense Division, 1 Feb 1962–1 Jan 1967. 2d Space Wing, 1 Oct 1985; 50th Operations Group, 30 Jan 1992–.

Stations

Ent AFB, CO, 1 Feb 1962–1 Jan 1967. Falcon AFS (later, AFB), CO, 1 Oct 1985–.

Space Systems

Satellites, 1962–1967. Satellites, 1985–.

Operations

Operated SPACETRACK, the USAF globe-spanning space surveillance network, 1962–1967. Controlled NAVSTAR Global Positioning System satellite constellation, and managed the Nuclear Detonation System in support of the nuclear test ban treaty, 1987–.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jun 1964–31 May 1966; 1 Dec 1987–30 Nov 1989; 1 Sep 1990–31 Aug 1991.

Emblem

On a Blue disc, a Light Blue globe grid lined Yellow issuing from base and charged with a Scarlet lighting flash bendwise; in chief a White eight point pole star above and (Yellow pole stars) on a White orbit ring arcing over the globe; a Yellow pole star all within a narrow Yellow border. *MOTTO*: PATHWAYS FOR PEACE. Approved on 6 May 1988, slightly modified in 1994; replaced emblem approved on 28 Jul 1965 (K&KE 17364).



2d Space Warning Squadron

Constituted 2d Space Communications Squadron on 1 May 1992. Activated on 15 May 1992. Redesignated 2d Space Warning Squadron on 1 May 1993.

Assignments

21st Operations Group, 15 May 1992; 21st Space Wing, 21 Jul 1995–.

Stations

Buckley ANGB, CO, 15 May 1992–.

Aircraft

None.

Operations

Operated ground station set up to control the Defense Support Program, a space-based surveillance system configured to detect and report ballistic missile launches, space launches, and nuclear detonations, 1992 to present.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

None.

Emblem

Azure, an eagle stooping Proper above a demi-globe issuant from sinister base Sable, land mass Vert, and therefrom a missile of the second bendwise trailing an arc of exhaust Or; all within a diminished bordure of the second.

MOTTO: ILS NE PASSERONT PAS—They Shall Not Pass. Approved on 2 Mar 1995.



3d Airlift Squadron

Constituted 3d Air Corps Ferrying Squadron on 18 Feb 1942. Activated on 7 Mar 1942.
Redesignated 3d Transport Squadron on 24 Mar 1943. Disbanded on 1 Dec 1943.
Reconstituted, and redesignated 3d Air Transport Squadron, Heavy, on 20 Jun 1952.
Activated on 20 Jul 1952. Redesignated: 3d Military Airlift Squadron on 8 Jan 1966;
3d Airlift Squadron on 1 Dec 1991.

Assignments

1st Ferrying (later, 1st Transport) Group, 7 Mar 1942–1 Dec 1943. 1703d Air Transport Group, 20 Jul 1952; 1700th Air Transport Group, 18 Jun 1957; 1608th Air Transport Wing, 24 Nov 1957; 1608th Air Transport Group, 18 Jun 1958; 1608th Air Transport Wing, 18 Jan 1963; 437th Military Airlift Wing, 8 Jan 1966; 436th Military Airlift Wing, 1 Aug 1973; 436th Operations Group, 1 Dec 1991–.

Stations

Pope Field, NC, 7 Mar 1942; Charleston SC, 17–19 Mar 1942; Karachi, India, 15 May 1942; New Malir Cantonment, India, 17 May 1942; Chabua, India, 1 Aug 1942–1 Dec 1943. Brookley AFB, AL, 20 Jul 1952; Charleston AFB, SC, 18 Jun 1958; Dover AFB, DE, 1 Aug 1973–.

Aircraft

C–46, 1942–1943. C–124, 1952–1965; C–74, 1955; C–130, 1965; C–141, 1965–1970; C–5, 1970–.

Operations

Air transport in CBI, 17 May 1942–1 Dec 1943. Began worldwide airlift in 1952. Flew missions to Southeast Asia, 1965–1973. Supported operations in Grenada, 24 Oct–18 Dec 1983; Panama, 19 Dec 1989–14 Jan 1990; and Southwest Asia, Aug 1990–Jul 1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: India-Burma; China Defensive. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jan 1963–1 Feb 1964; 11 Jul 1966–10 Jul 1967; 11 Jul 1967–10 Jul 1968; 11 Jul 1968–12 Jun 1969; 13 Jun 1969–12 Jun 1970; 1 Jul 1972–30 Jun 1973; 13 Oct–14 Nov 1973; 1 Jan 1974–30 Apr 1975; 1 May 1975–31 May 1976; 1 Jun 1976–31 May 1978; 1 Jun 1978–31 May 1979; 1 Jun 1981–31 May 1982; 1 Jun 1982–31 May

1984. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 1 Apr 1966–28 Jan 1970.

Emblem

On a Blue disc bordered Blue, a Golden Yellow sun issuing from dexter (right), radials Blue, the perimeter surmounted by a White lighting flash arched; in chief three small White stars forming “Orion’s Belt”; in sinister (left) one (1) large White star “Sirius”; over all a Golden crown trimmed Red, lined Blue with highlights White, outlines and details Blue. *MOTTO*: SAFE, SWIFT, SURE. Approved on 31 Jul 1959 (K 11378).



3d Flying Training Squadron

Organized as the 3d Aero Squadron on 1 Nov 1916. Redesignated Squadron A, Post Field, OK, on 22 Jul 1918. Demobilized on 2 Jan 1919. Reconstituted, and consolidated (1924) with unit organized as 3d Aero Squadron on 13 May 1919. Redesignated: 3d Squadron on 14 Mar 1921; 3d Pursuit Squadron on 25 Jan 1923; 3d Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) on 6 Dec 1939. Inactivated on 2 Apr 1946. Redesignated 3d Tactical Fighter Squadron on 12 Mar 1973. Activated on 15 Mar 1973. Redesignated 3d Fighter Training Squadron on 19 Dec 1991. Inactivated on 20 Aug 1993. Redesignated 3d Flying Training Squadron on 14 Feb 1994. Activated on 1 Apr 1994.

Assignments

Unkn, 1916–1919. Unkn, 13 May–18 Aug 1919; Philippine Department, 18 Aug 1919; 1st Observation (later, 4th Observation; 4th Composite) Group, 10 Mar 1920; 24th Pursuit Group, 1 Oct 1941–2 Apr 1946. 388th Tactical Fighter Wing, 15 Mar 1973; 3d Tactical Fighter Wing, 15 Dec 1975 (attached to Thirteenth Air Force, 15–16 Dec 1975); 343d Wing, 19 Dec 1991; 343d Operations Group, 1 Feb 1992–20 Aug 1993. 12th Operations Group, 1 Apr 1994–.

Stations

Ft Sam Houston, TX, 1 Nov 1916; South San Antonio, TX, May 1916; Ft Sill, OK, 30 Aug 1917; Post Field, OK, Nov 1917–2 Jan 1919. Mitchel Field, NY, 13 May 1919; Hazelhurst Field, NY, 29 May–28 Jun 1919; Manila, Luzon, 18 Aug 1919; Camp Stotsenburg, Luzon, 2 Dec 1919; Clark Field, Luzon, 15 Oct 1920; Nichols Field, Luzon, 16 Jun 1938; Iba Airfield, Luzon, c. 1 Sep 1941; Nichols Field, Luzon, 9 Dec 1941; Ternate, Luzon, c. 12 Dec 1941 (operated from Del Carmen, Luzon, 12–c. 25 Dec 1941); Bataan, Luzon, c. 25 Dec 1941–Apr 1942 (operated from Mindanao, c. 8 Apr–May 1942). Korat RTAFB, Thailand, 15 Mar 1973; Clark AB, Philippines, 15 Dec 1975–19 Dec 1991; Eielson AFB, AK, 19 Dec 1991–20 Aug 1993. Lackland AFB, TX, 1 Apr 1994–.

Aircraft

Apparently included R–4, JN–4, and JN–6, during period 1917–1919. DH–4, 1919–1924; in addition to MB–3, 1923–1926, and PW–9, 1926–1931, included DH–4 during period 1924–1931; in addition to P–12, c. 1930–1937, included O–2 and O–19 during period 1931–1937; P–26, 1937–1941; P–35, 1941; P–40, 1941–1942. A–7, 1973–1975; F–4, 1975–1991; UH–1, 1991–1993.

Operations

Evidently observer training unit, 1918–1919. Combat in the Philippines, 8 Dec 1941–c. 1 May 1942; ground echelon fought as infantry unit on Bataan, 18 Jan–c. 8 Apr 1942; carried as an active unit but was not operational from the fall of the Philippines to 2 Apr 1946. Combat in Southeast Asia, 15 Mar–15 Aug 1973. Supported evacuation of US personnel from Phnom Penh, Cambodia, and from Saigon, South Vietnam, Apr 1975, and the recovery of the *SS Mayaguez* crew, May 1975.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Philippine Islands. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Philippine Islands, 7 Dec 1941–10 May 1942; Philippine Islands, 8–22 Dec 1941; Philippine Islands, 6 Jan–8 Mar 1942. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat “V” Device: [15 Mar 1973]–15 Aug 1973; 15 Oct 1974–12 May 1975; 13–15 May 1975. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 May 1980–30 Apr 1982; 22 Mar–1 Apr 1986; 1 Jan 1989–1 Jun 1990. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII).

Emblem

On a Blue disc edged Yellow, a fanciful creature with the head of a parrot, the winged trunk of a lion and the tail of a sea serpent. Black head and trunk, Red and White eye, Orange bill, Red tongue, White wing and Orange tail. Approved on 14 Feb 1924 (K 2810); slightly modified in 1995.



3d Space Launch Squadron

Constituted 3d Space Launch Squadron on 26 Mar 1992. Activated on 1 Apr 1992.

Assignments

45th Operations Group, 1 Apr 1992–.

Stations

Cape Canaveral AFS, FL, 1 Apr 1992–.

Operations

Atlas II launch operations, Apr 1992–.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award: [1 Apr 1992]–30 Sep 1992.

Emblem

Azure, a globe Celeste gridlined Argent surmounted in sinister chief by a flight symbol ascending bendwise sinister of the third issuing a tripartited contrail voluting the globe in perspective conjoined as one at the terminus Or, all above a plate, garnished of the first in sinister base, all within a diminished bordure Yellow. Approved on 15 Jun 1994 (DFSC 94–02297).



3d Space Operations Squadron

Constituted 3d Photographic Squadron on 15 May 1941. Activated on 10 Jun 1941. Redesignated: 3d Mapping Squadron on 13 Jan 1942; 3d Photographic Mapping Squadron on 9 Jun 1942; 3d Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron, Very Heavy, on 19 May 1944; 3d Reconnaissance Squadron, Very Long Range (Photographic-RCM), on 19 Sep 1945; 3d Reconnaissance Squadron, Very Long Range, Photographic, on 15 Jan 1946. Inactivated on 15 Mar 1947. Consolidated (13 Oct 1994) with the 3d Satellite Control Squadron, which was constituted on 9 Jan 1990. Activated on 2 Feb 1990. Redesignated 3d Space Operations Squadron on 30 Jan 1992.

Assignments

1st Photographic (later, 1st Mapping; 1st Photographic Charting) Group, 10 Jun 1941; 11th Photographic Group, 1 Dec 1943; 311th Photographic (later, 311th Reconnaissance) Wing, 5 Mar 1944 (attached to Twentieth Air Force, 1 Nov–13 Dec 1944; XXI Bomber Command, 14 Dec 1944–15 Jul 1945; Twentieth Air Force, 16 Jul 1945–2 Feb 1947); Twentieth Air Force, 3 Feb–15 Mar 1947. 2d Space Wing, 2 Feb 1990; 50th Operations Group, 30 Jan 1992–.

Stations

Maxwell Field, AL, 10 Jun 1941; MacDill Field, FL, 22 Dec 1941; Smoky Hill AAFld, KS, 16 Apr–3 Aug 1944; Saipan, 18 Sep 1944; Guam, 11 Jan 1945–15 Mar 1947. Falcon AFB, CO, 2 Feb 1990–.

Aircraft and Space Systems

Included F–2, 1942; B–25/F–10, 1942–1944; B–24, 1943–1945; B–17/F–9, 1944, 1946–1947; B–29/F–13, 1944–1947. Satellites, 1990–.

Operations

Mapped areas of the United States, West Indies, and South America, May 1942–Jan 1943; Canada and Alaska, Mar–Jul 1943; India, Burma, and China, Dec 1943–Mar 1944. Photographic, electronic, and weather reconnaissance in Western Pacific, Nov 1944–Sep 1945. Controlled satellites for the Defense Satellite Communications System, the Fleet Satellite Communications System, the NATO II satellite program, and the UHF Follow-on Satellite Program, 1990–.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Western Pacific; Air Offensive, Japan.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award: 1 Sep 1990–31 Aug 1991.

Emblem

Sable, a triangle, one point up Or, bearing a globe Celeste, gridlined Azure, between two lightning flashes of the first enfiling an elliptical ring surmounted by three mullets of four points one and two, all between a mullet of eight points in dexter chief and a mullet of eight points in sinister base Argent; all within a diminished bordure of the second. *MOTTO*: FIRST IN SPACE COMMUNICATIONS. Approved on 5 May 1992; replaced emblem approved on 24 Jul 1943 (150264 A.C.).



3d Space Surveillance Squadron

Constituted 3d Surveillance Squadron on 10 Aug 1990. Redesignated 3d Space Surveillance Squadron, and activated, on 1 Oct 1992.

Assignments

73d Space Group, 1 Oct 1992; 21st Operations Group, 26 Apr 1995–.

Stations

Misawa AB, Japan, 1 Oct 1992–.

Aircraft

None.

Operations

Operated passive sensors for the Deep Space Tracking System, Oct 1992–.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

None.

Emblem

Sable, a temple dog salient Or, resting its front paws on a globe Azure gridlined Argent, within two orbit rings saltirewise of the last; all within a diminished border of the third. *MOTTO*: UNEQUALED EXCELLENCE. Approved on 27 Jul 1993.



4th Airlift Squadron

Constituted 4th Provisional Transport Squadron on 1 Mar 1935. Redesignated 4th Transport Squadron on 25 Jun 1935. Activated on 8 Jul 1935. Redesignated 4th Troop Carrier Squadron on 4 Jul 1942. Inactivated on 13 Dec 1945. Activated on 7 Sep 1946. Redesignated: 4th Troop Carrier Squadron, Medium, on 23 Jun 1948; 4th Troop Carrier Squadron, Heavy, on 12 Oct 1949; 4th Air Transport Squadron, Heavy, on 8 Jul 1962; 4th Military Airlift Squadron on 8 Jan 1966; 4th Airlift Squadron on 1 Dec 1991.

Assignments

Rockwell Air Depot, 8 Jul 1935; 10th Transport Group, 20 May 1937; 62d Transport (later, 62d Troop Carrier) Group, 10 May 1941–14 Nov 1945 (attached to 64th Troop Carrier Group, 3 Apr–19 Jun 1944); unkn, 14 Nov–13 Dec 1945. 62d Troop Carrier Group, 7 Sep 1946 (attached to various elements of FEAF for operations during period 1 Dec 1950–16 Nov 1951); 62d Troop Carrier (later, 62d Air Transport; 62d Military Airlift) Wing, 15 Jan 1960; 62d Operations Group, 1 Dec 1991–.

Stations

Rockwell Field, CA, 8 Jul 1935; Sacramento, CA, 1 Dec 1938; Kellogg Field, MI, 29 May 1942; Florence, SC, 1 Jul–14 Aug 1942; Keevil, England, 25 Sep 1942; Tafaraoui, Algeria, 15 Nov 1942; Casablanca, French Morocco, 16 Dec 1942; Nouvion, Algeria, 29 Mar 1943; Matemore, Algeria, 18 May 1943; Goubrine, Tunisia, 25 Jun 1943; Gela, Sicily, 7 Sep 1943; Catania, Sicily, 18 Oct 1943; Ponte Olivo, Sicily, 27 Feb 1944 (operated from bases in India, 12 Apr–11 Jun 1944); Gaudo Airfield, Italy, 8 May 1944; Galera Airfield, Italy, 29 Jun 1944; Malignano Airfield, Italy, 3 Oct 1944; Tarquinia, Italy, 9 Jan 1945; Rosignano Airfield, Italy, 26 May 1945; Marcianise, Italy, 28 Sep 1945; Naples, Italy, c. Oct–13 Dec 1945. Bergstrom Field, TX, 7 Sep 1946; McChord Field (later AFB), WA, 20 Jul 1947–28 Nov 1950; Ashiya AB, Japan, 1 Dec 1950; Tachikawa AB, Japan, 25 Jul 1951–16 Nov 1951; McChord AFB, WA, 16 Nov 1951; Larson AFB, WA, 11 May 1952; McChord AFB, WA, 13 Jun 1960–.

Aircraft

C–27, 1935–1937; C–33, 1936–1941; C–39, 1938–1942; C–47, 1942–1945. C–46, 1946–1947; C–82, 1947–1949; C–54, 1949–1951; C–124, 1951–1969; C–141, 1966–.

Operations

World War II: Included airborne assaults on Sicily, on Myitkyina, Burma, and on Southern France; support of partisans in Northern Italy and the Balkans; aerial transportation in MTO and, briefly, in CBI. Korea: Aerial transportation from US to Japan, and subsequently between Japan and Korea in the period 1 Dec 1950–16 Nov 1951. Airdrop of heavy equipment and personnel during the invasion of Panama on 20 Dec 1989.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Tunisia; Sicily; Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno; Southern France; North Apennines; Po Valley; Air Combat, EAME Theater; India-Burma with Arrowhead. Korea: Chinese Communist Forces Intervention; First UN Counteroffensive; CCF Spring Offensive; UN Summer-Fall Offensive.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Panama, 1989–1990.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: China-Burma-India Theater, 7 Apr–15 Jun 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 19 Apr–5 May 1954; 1 Jan 1961–1 Nov 1962; 1 Jul 1965–15 Jul 1966; 1 Jul 1969–30 Jun 1970; 1 Jul 1973–30 Jun 1974; 1 Jul 1981–30 Jun 1983; 1 Jul 1983–30 Jun 1985; 14 Jun–3 Jul 1991. Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation: 1 Jul 1951–[15 Nov 1951]. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 1 Apr 1966–28 Jan 1973.

Emblem

Upon a Light Blue disc edged in Black and issuant from White clouds detailed blue in base a Brown winged Army mule with provoked expression carrying a Green box strapped on its back. Approved on 17 Sep 1942 (K 2903).



4th Fighter Squadron

Constituted 4th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) on 20 Nov 1940. Activated on 15 Jan 1941. Redesignated: 4th Fighter Squadron on 15 May 1942; 4th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 20 Aug 1943. Inactivated on 7 Nov 1945. Redesignated 4th Fighter Squadron (All Weather) on 19 Dec 1946. Activated on 20 Feb 1947. Redesignated: 4th Fighter Squadron, All Weather, on 10 Aug 1948; 4th Fighter-All Weather Squadron on 20 Jan 1950; 4th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron on 25 Apr 1951; 4th Tactical Fighter Squadron on 20 Jun 1965; 4th Fighter Squadron on 1 Nov 1991.

Assignments

52d Pursuit (later, 52d Fighter) Group, 15 Jan 1941–7 Nov 1945. 347th Fighter Group, 20 Feb 1947 (attached to 51st Fighter [later, 51st Fighter-Interceptor] Group), 20 Feb 1947–; Twentieth Air Force, 24 Jun 1950 (remained attached to 51st Fighter-Interceptor Group to 24 Jun 1950; 6302d Air Base Group, 20 Sep 1950–24 Jun 1951; and 6351st Air Base Wing, 25 Jun 1951–unkn); Japan Air Defense Force, 10 Aug 1954 (attached to 39th Air Division, 10 Aug 1954–); Fifth Air Force, 1 Sep 1954 (remained attached to 39th Air Division); 39th Air Division, 1 Mar 1955; 33d Tactical Fighter Wing, 20 Jun 1965; 366th Tactical Fighter Wing, 12 Apr 1969; 432d Tactical Reconnaissance (later, 432d Tactical Fighter) Wing, 31 Oct 1972; 388th Tactical Fighter (later, 388th Fighter) Wing, 23 Dec 1975 (attached to 388th Tactical Fighter Wing (Deployed) [later, 388th Tactical Fighter Wing (Provisional)]), 28 Aug 1990–27 Mar 1991); 388th Operations Group, 1 Dec 1991–.

Stations

Selfridge Field, MI, 15 Jan 1941; Langley Field, VA, 17 Dec 1941; Selfridge Field, MI, 14 Jan 1942; Florence, SC, 18 Feb 1942; Wilmington, NC, 27 Apr 1942; Grenier Field, NH, 12 Jun–19 Jul 1942; Northern Ireland, 19 Aug 1942; Goxhill, England, 25 Aug–29 Oct 1942 (air echelon arrived at Tafaraoui, Algeria, on 8 Nov 1942); La Senia, Algeria, 12 Nov 1942; Orleansville, Algeria, 1 Jan 1943; Telergma, Algeria, 19 Jan 1943; Youks-les-Bains, Algeria, 8 Mar 1943; Le Sers, Tunisia, 12 Apr 1943; La Sebala, Tunisia, 20 May 1943; Boccadifalco, Sicily, 1 Aug 1943; Corsica, 4 Dec 1943; Madna Airfield, Italy, c. 14 May 1944; Piagiolino Airfield, Italy, c. 24 Apr 1945; Lesina, Italy, c. 10 Jul–Aug 1945; Drew Field, FL, 25 Aug–7 Nov 1945. Yontan AB, Okinawa, 20 Feb 1947; Naha AB, Okinawa, 19 Aug 1948; Kadena AB, Okinawa, 16 Feb 1953; Naha AB, Okinawa, 25 Feb 1954; Misawa AB, Japan, 1 Aug 1954–15 Jun 1965; Eglin AFB, FL, 20 Jun 1965–9 Apr 1969; Da Nang AB, South Vietnam, 12 Apr 1969; Takhli RTAFB, Thailand, 27 Jun 1972; Udon RTAFB, Thailand, 31 Oct 1972–23 Dec 1975; Hill AFB, UT, 23 Dec 1975– (deployed at Central AB, Al Minhad, United Arab Emirates, 28 Aug 1990–27 Mar 1991).

Aircraft

P–40, 1941–1942; P–39, 1942; Spitfire, 1942–1944; P–51, 1944–1945. F–61, 1947–1950; F–82, 1949–1952; F–94, 1951–1954; F–86, 1954–1960; F–102, 1960–1965; F–4, 1965–1967, 1967–1975, 1976–1980; F–16, 1980–.

Operations

Combat in ETO and MTO, Aug 1942–30 Apr 1945. Air defense of the Ryukyus during the Korean War. Trained Japanese Self-Defense Force, Korean and Thai Air Forces pilots, Aug 1954–Jun 1965. Combat in Southeast Asia, c. 3 Jun 1969–15 Aug 1973. One of the 4th's aircrews earned the last USAF aerial victory of the war by downing a MiG–21 on 8 Jan 1973. Combat air cover for the evacuations of Phnom Penh, Cambodia, and Saigon, Vietnam, Apr 1975. Air cover during the recovery of the *SS Mayaguez* and its crew, May 1975. Combat in Southwest Asia, Jan–Feb 1991.

Service Streamers

Korean Theater.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Algeria-French Morocco; Tunisia; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Rome-Arno; Normandy; Northern France; Southern France; North Apennines; Rhineland; Central Europe; Po Valley; Air Combat, EAME Theater. Vietnam: TET 69/Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer-Fall, 1969; Vietnam Winter-Spring, 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon; Commando Hunt V; Commando Hunt VI; Commando Hunt VII; Vietnam Ceasefire. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Germany, 9 Jun 1944; Rumania, 31 Aug 1944. Presidential Unit Citation: Southeast Asia, 1 Apr–26 Jun 1972. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat "V" Device: [12 Apr 1969]–31 Jul 1969; 1 Aug 1969–1 Aug 1970; 2 Aug 1970–31 Mar 1972; 18 Dec 1972–27 Jan 1973. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1967–20 Jun 1968; 1 Jul 1968–9 Apr 1969. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: [12 Apr 1969]–28 Jan 1973.

Emblem

At the center of a Black disc, Fuujin, the Okinawan god of wind, Green, carrying a large Yellow sack, wearing a Red scarf draped about the neck and shoulders, all in front of a White thunder cloud outlined Gray with Yellow lightning flash issuing toward dexter base. Approved on 25 Feb 1949, and slightly modified in 1994 (K&KE 6336).



4th Space Launch Squadron

Constituted 4th Space Launch Squadron on 29 Mar 1994. Activated on 15 Apr 1994.

Assignments

30th Operations Group, 15 Apr 1994–.

Stations

Vandenberg AFB, CA, 15 Apr 1994–.

Operations

Titan booster launch operations, 1994–.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

None.

Emblem

Azure, a globe per bend Sable and Argent viewed from the pole gridlined of the second fimbriated of the third charged with a flight symbol descending bendwise sinister Or, issuing an elliptical contrail bendwise sinister, enfiled by the globe, Gray, all between four polestars crosswise Yellow; all within a diminished bordure of the first. *MOTTO*: SUPRA SUMMAS—Over the Top. Approved on 31 Mar 1995.



4th Space Operations Squadron

Constituted 4th Photographic Squadron on 15 May 1941. Activated on 10 Jun 1941. Redesignated: 4th Mapping Squadron on 13 Jan 1942; 4th Photographic Mapping Squadron on 9 Jun 1942; 4th Photographic Charting Squadron on 11 Aug 1943; 4th Reconnaissance Squadron, Long Range, Photographic, on 15 Jun 1945; 4th Reconnaissance Squadron, Very Long Range, Photographic, on 20 Nov 1945. Inactivated on 14 Apr 1946. Redesignated 4th Reconnaissance Squadron, Photographic, on 5 Sep 1947. Activated in the Reserve on 20 Sep 1947. Inactivated on 27 Jun 1949. Redesignated 4th Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, Medium, on 9 May 1952. Activated on 28 May 1952. Inactivated on 1 Jul 1958. Redesignated 4th Space Operations Squadron on 1 Apr 1992. Activated on 30 Apr 1992.

Assignments

1st Photographic (later, 1st Mapping; 1st Photographic Charting) Group, 10 Jun 1941; 311th Photographic (later, 311th Reconnaissance) Wing, 5 Oct 1944–14 Apr 1946 (attached to Thirteenth Air Force, c. 7 Nov 1944; 4th Photographic Group, Dec 1944; 6th Reconnaissance Group, 3 May 1945; 308th Bombardment Wing, 22 Oct 1945–14 Apr 1946). First Air Force, 20 Sep 1947; 26th Reconnaissance Group, 23 Oct 1947–27 Jun 1949. 26th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, 28 May 1952–1 Jul 1958. 50th Operations Group, 30 Apr 1992–.

Stations

Moffet Field, CA, 10 Jun 1941; March Field, CA, 10 Dec 1941 (detachments operated from various bases in Alaska, Canada, Central America, Caribbean, and South America, 1942–1944); Peterson Field, CO, 4 Jan 1944; Buckley Field, CO, 1 Jul–14 Oct 1944; Hollandia, New Guinea, 7 Nov 1944 (detachments operated from Morotai, Dec 1944–Jan 1945; Australia, Jan–May 1945; Zamboanga, Mindanao, Apr–Jun 1945; and Clark Field, Luzon, Jun–Aug 1945); Tacloban, Leyte, 11 Jul 1945 (detachment operated from Okinawa, Aug–Oct 1945); Seoul, South Korea, 25 Oct 1945–14 Apr 1946. Niagara Falls Muni Aprt, NY, 20 Sep 1947; Buffalo, NY, 3 May 1948–27 Jun 1949. Lockbourne AFB, OH, 28 May 1952–1 Jul 1958. Falcon AFB, CO, 30 Apr 1992–.

Aircraft and Space Systems

Included F–2, 1941–1942; A–29, 1942; B–34, 1943–1944; B–24/F–7, 1943–1946. Unkn, 1947–1949. YRB/RB/B–47, 1953–1958. Satellites, 1992–.

Operations

Mapped areas of Alaska, Canada, Central and South America, 1942–1944; Southwest and Western Pacific, Dec 1944–1946. Operated the MILSTAR Satellite System, 1992–.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Japan; New Guinea; Leyte; Luzon; Southern Philippines; China Offensive.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award: 21 Mar–9 May 1956. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII).

Emblem

A circular shield blazoned: Sable, a mullet Argent garnished of the first, winged Or issuing four lightning flashes to base Gules surmounting a terrestrial globe in base Azure gridlined of the second, all within a diminished bordure, Gold. Approved on 20 Aug 1992 (DFSC 94–01114); replaced emblems approved on 20 Jan 1956 (K 225) and 14 Jul 1943 (47433 A.C.). *MOTTO*: LINKING THE FORCES. Added in 1994.



4th Space Surveillance Squadron

Constituted 4th Surveillance Squadron on 26 Sep 1990. Activated on 1 Oct 1990.
Redesignated 4th Space Surveillance Squadron on 15 May 1992.

Assignments

73d Space Surveillance (later, 73d Space) Group, 1 Oct 1990;
21st Operations Group, 26 Apr 1995–.

Stations

Lackland AFB, TX, 1 Oct 1990–.

Aircraft

None.

Operations

Operated the Developmental Space Tracking System, Oct 1990–.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

None.

Emblem

Azure (Dark Blue) a demi-globe issuant from base Celeste, gridlined Azure below an eagle volant proper above in dexter base three mullets of four in bend sinister Or, all within a diminished bordure of the third. Approved on 5 Jun 1995.



4th Space Warning Squadron

Constituted 4th Space Communications Squadron on 1 May 1992. Activated on 15 May 1992. Redesignated 4th Space Warning Squadron on 1 Oct 1992.

Assignments

21st Operations Group, 15 May 1992–.

Stations

Holloman AFB, NM, 15 May 1992–.

Aircraft

None.

Operations

Operated mobile satellite communications equipment associated with the Defense Support Program, 1992 to present.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

None.

Emblem

Azure, a globe in dexter chief Celeste gridlined of the first overall a silhouette of a scorpion Sable fimbriated Argent and grasping in its pincers an orbital ring fesswise charged with a flight symbol and an orbital ring of a lightning flash palewise both enfiling the globe Gules; all within a diminished bordure Or. *MOTTO*: CAVETE VOS QUI INFRANOS—
Beware You Who Are Below Us. Approved on 31 Mar 1995.



4th Special Operations Squadron

4th Ferrying Squadron (constituted 4th Air Corps Ferrying Squadron on 18 Feb 1942; activated on 8 Apr 1942; redesignated 4th Ferrying Squadron on 12 May 1943; disbanded on 31 Mar 1944; reconstituted on 19 Sep 1985) consolidated (19 Sep 1985) with the following units: 4th Liaison Squadron (constituted 4th Liaison Flight on 27 Sep 1949; activated on 27 Oct 1949; redesignated 4th Liaison Squadron on 15 Jul 1952; inactivated on 22 Jul 1952; activated on 22 Jul 1952; inactivated on 8 Mar 1954); 4th Special Operations Squadron (constituted 4th Air Commando Squadron [Fire Support], and activated, on 2 Aug 1965; organized on 8 Aug 1965; redesignated 4th Special Operations Squadron on 1 Aug 1968; inactivated on 15 Dec 1969); and 4th Airborne Command and Control Squadron (constituted 4th Airborne Command and Control Squadron on 12 Mar 1970; activated on 1 Apr 1970). Inactivated on 30 Sep 1992. Redesignated 4th Special Operations Squadron on 13 Feb 1995. Activated on 1 May 1995.

Assignments

Northeast Sector, Air Corps Ferrying Command (later, 2d Ferrying Group), 8 Apr 1942–31 Mar 1944. Fourteenth Air Force, 27 Oct 1949; Tactical Air Command, 1 Aug 1950; Ninth Air Force (Tactical), 14 Aug 1950–22 Jul 1952. Eighteenth Air Force, 22 Jul 1952; Twelfth Air Force, 13 Feb 1953–8 Mar 1954. Pacific Air Forces, 2 Aug 1965; 2d Air Division, 8 Aug 1965 (attached to 6250th Combat Support Group, 8 Aug 1965–1 Mar 1966); 14th Air Commando (later, 14th Special Operations) Wing, 8 Mar 1966–15 Dec 1969. 28th Bombardment Wing, 1 Apr 1970; 28th Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991–30 Sep 1992. 16th Operations Group, 1 May 1995–.

Stations

Logan Field, MD, 8 Apr 1942; New Castle AAB, DE, c. 25 May 1942–31 Mar 1944. Pope AFB, NC, 27 Oct 1949–22 Jul 1952 (deployed at Camp MacKall, NC, 14 Apr–4 May 1950; Ft Hood, TX, 14 Mar–7 Apr 1952). Donaldson AFB, SC, 22 Jul 1952–23 Jan 1953; Furstenfeldbruck AB, Germany, 10 Feb 1953–8 Mar 1954. Tan Son Nhut AB, South Vietnam, 8 Aug 1965 (deployed at Forbes AFB, KS, 8 Aug–c. 1 Nov 1965); Nha Trang AB, South Vietnam, 1 Jun 1966; Phan Rang AB, South Vietnam, 1 Oct 1969–15 Dec 1969. Ellsworth AFB, SD, 1 Apr 1970–30 Sep 1992. Hurlburt Field, FL, 1 May 1995–.

Aircraft

Ferried a variety of combat aircraft, 1942–1944. L–13, 1949–1951, 1951–1952; C–45, 1951–1952; L–20, 1952. L–20, 1952–1953. FC(later, AC)–47, 1965–1969; C–47, 1966–1967, 1969; HC–47, 1969. EC–135, 1970–1992.

Operations

Ferried aircraft to locations in Alaska, Africa, and Europe, Apr 1942–Feb 1944; also airlifted cargo, and evacuated wounded to US military hospitals. Combat in Vietnam, c. 20 Nov 1965–30 Nov 1969. Provided an auxiliary command post and a communications link for the Fifteenth Air Force and SAC, 1 Apr 1970–30 Sep 1992.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

Vietnam: Vietnam Defensive; Vietnam Air; Vietnam Air Offensive; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air/Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; TET 69/Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer-Fall, 1969; Vietnam Winter-Spring, 1970.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Presidential Unit Citations (Southeast Asia): 8 Mar 1966–7 Mar 1967; 21 Jun 1968–30 Jun 1969. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat “V” Device: 1 Nov 1965–9 Mar 1966; 16 Jun 1967–15 Jun 1968; 16 Jun 1967–20 Jun 1968; 21 Jun 1968–15 Jun 1969. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 9 Jun–10 Jul 1972; 1 Jul 1976–30 Jun 1978; 1 Jul 1978–30 Jun 1980; 1 Jul 1981–30 Jun 1983; 1 Jul 1984–30 Jun 1986; 1 Jul 1986–30 Jun 1988; 1 Jul 1988–30 Jun 1990; 1 Sep 1991–30 Sep 1992. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Crosses with Palm: 1 Apr 1966–15 Dec 1969; 1 Jan 1968–30 Aug 1968.

Emblem

Sable, an increscent in sinister Or surmounted in base by a cloud below a ghost specter Argent issuing flames from its sinister arm to base Proper; all within a diminished bordure of the second. *MOTTO*: GHOSTRIDERS. Approved on 20 Jun 1995; replaced emblem approved on 29 Sep 1953 (K 7070).



5th Reconnaissance Squadron

Organized as 5th Aero Squadron on 5 May 1917. Redesignated Squadron A, Souther Field, GA, on 15 Jul 1918. Demobilized on 11 Nov 1918. Reconstituted, and consolidated (1924) with 5th Aero Squadron, which was organized on 24 Oct 1919. Redesignated: 5th Squadron (Observation) on 14 Mar 1921; 5th Observation Squadron on 25 Jan 1923; 5th Bombardment Squadron on 1 Mar 1935; 5th Bombardment Squadron (Medium) on 6 Dec 1939; 5th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 20 Nov 1940; 5th Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, on 28 Mar 1944. Inactivated on 20 Oct 1948. Redesignated 5th Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, Photographic, and activated, on 1 May 1949. Redesignated: 5th Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, on 1 Apr 1950; 5th Bombardment Squadron, Medium, on 2 Oct 1950. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 25 Jun 1966. Redesignated 5th Strategic Reconnaissance Training Squadron on 12 Feb 1986. Activated on 1 Jul 1986. Inactivated on 30 Jun 1990. Redesignated 5th Reconnaissance Squadron on 21 Sep 1994. Activated on 1 Oct 1994.

Assignments

Unkn, 1917–1918. 3d Observation Group (attached to Eastern Department) 24 Oct 1919; Eastern Department, 24 Mar 1920; Second Corps Area, 20 Aug 1920 (attached to 1st Provisional Air Brigade for operations, 6 May–3 Oct 1921); 9th Observation Group, 1 Aug 1922; 1st Division, Air Service (later, 1st Division, Air Corps; 1st Division, Aviation), 30 Jun 1923 (attached to 9th Observation Group, 30 Jun 1923–15 Feb 1929); 9th Observation (later, 9th Bombardment) Group, 15 Feb 1929–20 Oct 1948. 9th Strategic Reconnaissance (later, 9th Bombardment) Group, 1 May 1949 (attached to 9th Bombardment Wing, 10 Feb 1951–15 Jun 1952); 9th Bombardment (later, 9th Strategic Aerospace) Wing, 16 Jun 1952–25 Jun 1966. 9th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, 1 Jul 1986–30 Jun 1990. 9th Operations Group, 1 Oct 1994–.

Stations

San Antonio, TX, 5 May 1917; Souther Field, GA, 1 May–11 Nov 1918. Hazelhurst Field, NY, 24 Oct 1919; Mitchel Field, NY, Nov 1919 (operated from Langley Field, VA, 6 May–26 Oct 1921); Rio Hato, Panama, 13 Nov 1940; Beane Field, St Lucia, c. 28 Sep 1941; Orlando AB, FL, 31 Oct 1942; Pinecastle AAFld, FL, 15 Apr 1943; Brooksville AAFld, FL, 7 Jan 1944; Pinecastle AAFld, FL, 13 Feb 1944; Dalhart AAFld, TX, c. 9 Mar 1944; McCook AAFld, KS, 19 May–18 Nov 1944; North Field, Tinian, 28 Dec 1944–6 Mar 1946; Clark Field, Luzon, 14 Mar 1946; Harmon Field, Guam, 9 Jun 1947–20 Oct 1948. Fairfield-Suisun AFB, CA, 1 May 1949; Mountain Home AFB, ID, 1 May 1953–25 Jun 1966 (deployed at Fairford RAF Station, England, 23 May–8 Jul 1955). Beale AFB, CA, 1 Jul 1986–30 Jun 1990. Osan AB, South Korea, 1 Oct 1994–.

Aircraft

Apparently included JN–4 during period 1917–1918. Included DH–4 and O–2 during period 1919–1928; in addition to O–1, O–11, and O–25, included O–31, Y1O–35, O–39, A–3, B–6, and C–8 during period 1928–1936; B–10, 1936–1938; B–18, 1938–1942; B–24, 1942–1943; B–25, 1943; B–26, 1943–1944; B–17, 1944; B–29, 1944–1947. B/RB–17, 1949–1950; RB–29, 1949–1950; B–29, 1949–1954; B–47, 1954–1966. U–2/TR–1, 1986–1990; SR–71, 1986–1990; T–38, 1986–1990.

Operations

Flying training unit, 1917–1918. Demonstrations of effectiveness of aerial bombardment on warships, Jun–Sep 1921. Antisubmarine patrols, and reconnaissance of Vichy French fleet at Martinique, Dec 1941–Oct 1942. Trained cadres for bombardment units, Nov 1942–Feb 1944. Combat in Western Pacific, 25 Jan–15 Aug 1945. Unmanned, Apr 1947–20 Oct 1948. Maintained alert during Cuban missile crisis, Oct 1962. Reconnaissance pilot training, 1986–1990.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater; Air Offensive, Japan; Eastern Mandates; Western Pacific.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Kawasaki, Japan, 15/16 Apr 1945; Japan, 13–28 May 1945. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jan 1957–31 Jan 1958; 1 Jul 1986–30 Jun 1987; 1 Jul 1989–30 Jun 1990.

Emblem

On a Blue disc piped with Yellow a Yellow increscent moon and five stars. On the lower horn of the crescent a Black and White owl holding in his right claw a Silver telescope. Approved on 27 May 1924 (K 2661).



5th Space Launch Squadron

Constituted 5th Space Launch Squadron on 29 Mar 1994. Activated on 14 Apr 1994.

Assignments

45th Operations Group, 14 Apr 1994–.

Stations

Cape Canaveral AFS, FL, 14 Apr 1994–.

Operations

Titan IV booster launch operations, 1994–.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

None.

Emblem

Sable, a demi-globe issuant from dexter base of the like gridlined Argent, in dexter chief five mullets chevronwise reversed Gules pierced pentagonal of the field and in sinister chief three flight symbols in bend ascending bendwise sinister per pale Black fimbriated Azure and of the last each issuing a contrail bendwise sinister Or; all within a diminished bordure White.
Approved on 5 Jan 1995.



5th Space Operations Squadron

Constituted 5th Satellite Control Squadron on 11 Apr 1989. Activated on 1 May 1989.
Redesignated 5th Space Operations Squadron on 30 Jan 1992. Inactivated on 31 Jul 1992.
Activated on 22 Nov 1993.

Assignments

1000th Satellite Operations Group, 1 May 1989–31 Jul 1992. 50th Operations Group, 22 Nov 1993–.

Stations

Fairchild AFB, WA, 1 May 1989–31 Jul 1992. Onizuka AFB (later, AS), CA, 22 Nov 1993–.

Space Systems

Satellites, 1989–1992. Satellites, 1993–.

Operations

Provided spacecraft command uplink, spacecraft telemetry and sensor data downlink, along with limited command and control capability as an emergency backup for the Defense Meteorological Satellite Program's Fairchild Operations Center, 1989–1992.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award: 1 Sep 1990–31 Aug 1991.

Emblem

Azure, five mullets of eight Argent above and between a demi-globe issuant from dexter base Celeste and a flight symbol ascending bendwise White issuing a contrail arcing to the globe Gules; all within a diminished bordure Or. *MOTTO*: PIONEERS OF SPACE. Approved on 9 Dec 1994; replaced emblem approved on 25 Aug 1989 (DFSC 90–05554).



5th Space Surveillance Squadron

Constituted 5th Surveillance Squadron on 10 Aug 1990. Activated on 1 Oct 1990.
Redesignated 5th Space Surveillance Squadron on 15 May 1992.

Assignments

73d Space Surveillance (later, 73d Space) Group, 1 Oct 1990;
21st Operations Group, 26 Apr 1995–.

Stations

RAF Feltwell, England, 1 Oct 1990–.

Aircraft

None.

Operations

Operated passive sensors for the Deep Space Tracking System, Oct 1992–.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

None.

Emblem

Azure (Dark Blue) a demi-griffin throughout Gold Brown armed Or and langued Gules grasping a globe Azure gridlined of the third, in sinister chief a flight symbol bendwise issuing a contrail arcing to the globe in dexter base Yellow, all within a diminished bordure of the like. *MOTTO*: TRACKING THE DEEP. Approved on 22 Jun 1994 (DFSC 95–00230).



5th Space Warning Squadron

Constituted 5th Space Warning Squadron on 1 May 1992. Activated on 15 May 1992.

Assignments

21st Operations Group, 15 May 1992; 21st Space Wing, 8 Jun 1995–.

Stations

Woomera AS, Australia, 15 May 1992–.

Aircraft

None.

Operations

Operated the only ground station in the Southern Hemisphere for the Defense Support Program, a space-based system that provides global and theater early warning reporting on ballistic missiles launched in the Eastern Hemisphere, 1992 to present.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

None.

Emblem

Sable on a globe Azure gridlined Argent within two orbit rings saltirewise charged at dexter and sinister fess with flight symbols ascending Or; a kangaroo at speed in dexter and an eagle ascending Gold Brown head White; all within a diminished bordure of the fourth. *MOTTO*: PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE. Approved on 2 Mar 1995.



6th Air Refueling Squadron

Constituted 6th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 22 Dec 1939. Activated on 1 Feb 1940. Redesignated 6th Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, on 28 Mar 1944. Inactivated on 1 Apr 1944. Activated on 1 Apr 1944. Inactivated on 20 May 1946. Activated in the Reserve on 15 Jun 1947. Inactivated on 27 Jun 1949. Consolidated (19 Sep 1985) with the 6th Air Refueling Squadron, Medium, which was constituted on 6 Apr 1951. Activated on 10 Apr 1951. Inactivated on 1 Aug 1951. Redesignated 6th Air Refueling Squadron, Heavy, on 1 Apr 1957. Activated on 1 Nov 1957. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 25 Jan 1967. Activated on 3 Jan 1989. Redesignated 6th Air Refueling Squadron on 1 Sep 1991.

Assignments

29th Bombardment Group, 1 Feb 1940–1 Apr 1944. 29th Bombardment Group, 1 Apr 1944–20 May 1946. Tenth Air Force, 15 Jun 1947; 482d Bombardment Group, 30 Sep 1947–27 Jun 1949. 6th Bombardment Group, 10 Apr–1 Aug 1951. Fifteenth Air Force, 1 Nov 1957; 6th Bombardment (later, 6th Strategic Aerospace) Wing, 3 Jan 1958–25 Jan 1967. 22d Air Refueling Wing, 3 Jan 1989; 22d Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991; 722d Operations Group, 1 Jan 1994; 60th Operations Group, 1 Aug 1995–.

Stations

Langley Field, VA, 1 Feb 1940; MacDill Field, FL, 21 May 1940; Gowen Field, ID, 25 Jun 1942–1 Apr 1944. Pratt AAFld, KS, 1 Apr 1944; Dalhart AAFld, TX, 25 May 1944; Pratt AAFld, KS, 17 Jul–6 Dec 1944; North Field, Guam, 17 Jan 1945–20 May 1946. Barksdale Field (later, AFB), LA, 15 Jun 1947–27 Jun 1949. Walker AFB, NM, 10 Apr–1 Aug 1951. Bergstrom AFB, TX, 1 Nov 1957; Walker AFB, NM, 3 Jan 1958–25 Jan 1967. March AFB, CA, 3 Jan 1989; Travis AFB, CA, 1 Aug 1995–.

Aircraft

YB–17, 1940; B–17, 1940–1943; B–18, 1940–1941; B–24, 1943–1944. B–17, 1944; B–29, 1944–1946. AT–6, 1947–1949; AT–11, 1947–1949. KC–135, 1958–1967. KC–10, 1989–.

Operations

Antisubmarine patrol missions in the Caribbean, Jan–Jun 1942. Operational and later replacement training, 1942–1944. Combat in the Western Pacific, c. 16 Feb–15 Aug 1945. Air refueling training, 1959–1962. Worldwide air refueling, 1963–1967, including support of tactical aircraft flying in Southeast Asia. Worldwide air refueling, 1989–, including support of deployments to Southwest Asia, 1990–1991. Humanitarian airlift to Somalia, 1992–1993.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater; Air Offensive, Japan; Western Pacific.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Japan, 31 Mar 1945; Japan, 19–26 Jun 1945. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 May 1960–31 May 1962; 1 Feb–30 Jun 1989; 1 Jul 1989–30 Jun 1991.

Emblem

Celeste, a Taeguk Or and Azure charged with a pegasus soaring Argent garnished Sable, all within a diminished bordure of the third. Approved on 9 Dec 1994; replaced emblems approved on 12 Oct 1960 (K 12078) and on 6 Apr 1942 (K 2661). *MOTTO*: VIS EXTENSA—Strength Extended. Approved on 12 Oct 1960.



6th Airlift Squadron

Constituted 6th Transport Squadron on 1 Oct 1933. Activated on 14 Oct 1939.

Redesignated: 6th Troop Carrier Squadron on 4 Jul 1942; 6th Troop Carrier Squadron, Heavy, on 21 May 1948; 6th Military Airlift Squadron on 8 Jan 1966. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 8 Jun 1968. Activated on 8 Apr 1970. Redesignated 6th Airlift Squadron on 1 Nov 1991.

Assignments

10th Transport Group, 14 Oct 1939; 60th Transport Group, 1 Dec 1940; 61st Transport Group, 19 May 1941; 315th Transport Group, Mar 1942; 63d Transport (later, 63d Troop Carrier) Group, Jun 1942; 374th Troop Carrier Group, 12 Nov 1942; 403d Troop Carrier Group, 15 May 1946; 374th Troop Carrier Group, 15 Oct 1946; 1503d Air Transport Wing, 18 Nov 1958; 1502d Air Transport Wing, 22 Jun 1964; 61st Military Airlift Wing, 8 Jan 1966–8 Jun 1968. 438th Military Airlift Wing, 8 Apr 1970; 438th Military Airlift Group, 1 Oct 1978; 438th Military Airlift Wing, 1 Jun 1980; 438th Operations Group, 1 Nov 1991; 305th Operations Group, 1 Oct 1994–.

Stations

Olmstead Field, PA, 14 Oct 1939; Camp Williams, WI, 23 Mar 1942; Dodd Field, TX, 16–23 Sep 1942; Port Moresby, New Guinea, 13 Oct 1942; Garbutt Field, Australia, 2 Oct 1943; Nadzab, New Guinea, c. 26 Aug 1944; Biak, c. 20 Oct 1944; Tacloban, Leyte, 12 Mar 1945; Nielson Field, Luzon, 1 Jan 1946; Okinawa, 10 Jun 1946; Tachikawa AB, Japan, 13 Apr 1947; Harmon Field, Guam, 1 Dec 1947; Tachikawa AB, Japan, 5 Mar 1949; Hickam AFB, HI, 22 Jun 1964–8 Jun 1968. McGuire AFB, NJ, 8 Apr 1970–.

Aircraft

C–33, 1940–1942; C–39, 1940–1942; C–53, 1941–1942; C–47, 1942–1945; C–46, 1945–1947; C–54, 1946–1952; C–124, 1952–1968. C–141, 1970–.

Operations

Aerial transportation in the South, Southwest, and Western Pacific, during World War II and in the Far East during the Korean War and after to 1968. Worldwide airlift operations, Apr 1970–. Resupplied scientific stations in the Antarctic during Operation Deep Freeze, 1971–1974. Evacuated Vietnamese refugees during the fall of Saigon, Apr–Jun 1975. Supported US forces in Grenada, Oct–Dec 1983; during the invasion of Panama, Dec 1989–Jan 1990; and during the Gulf War, Aug 1990–Mar 1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Japan; Papua; New Guinea; Northern Solomons; Bismarck Archipelago; Western Pacific; Leyte; Luzon; Southern Philippines. Korea: UN Defensive; UN Offensive; CCF Intervention; First

UN Counteroffensive; CCF Spring Offensive; UN Summer-Fall Offensive; Second Korean Winter; Korea Summer-Fall, 1952; Third Korean Winter; Korea, Summer 1953. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Panama, 1989–1990.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Papua, [Oct] 1942–23 Jan 1943; Papua, 12 Nov–22 Dec 1942; Wau, New Guinea, 30 Jan–1 Feb 1943; Korea, 27 Jun–15 Sep 1950. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jan–31 Dec 1961; 1 Jul 1964–30 Jun 1966; 23 Dec 1965–23 Jan 1966; 1 Jul 1966–30 Jun 1967; 1 Jul 1967–[8] Jun 1968; 1 Jul 1982–30 Jun 1984. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII). Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation: 1 Jul 1951–27 Jul 1953.

Emblem

On a disc Blue, narrow bordered Black, over a representation of a tin “Bully Beef” White, edged Red, caricatured bull’s head front face Brown, mouth and horns Yellow, beard Black eyeballs White, pupils Black, nose Red and with a fighting mad expression and snorting detail White from nose. Approved on 1 Dec 1952 (K&KE 6661); replaced emblem approved on 14 Apr 1942 (28651 A.C.).



6th Space Operations Squadron

Established as 4000th Support Group, and organized, on 1 Feb 1963. Redesignated: 4000th Aerospace Application Group on 1 Jan 1973; 4000th Satellite Operations Group on 3 Apr 1981; 1000th Satellite Operations Group on 1 May 1983; 6th Space Operations Squadron on 31 Jul 1992.

Assignments

Strategic Air Command, 1 Feb 1963; 1st Strategic Aerospace Division, 1 Jan 1966; 1st Space Wing, 1 May 1983; 2d Space Wing, 1 Apr 1986; 50th Space Wing, 30 Jan 1992; 50th Operations Group, 31 Jul 1992–.

Stations

Offutt AFB, Omaha, NE, 1 Feb 1963–.

Space Systems

Satellites, 1963–.

Operations

Command and control of the Defense Meteorological Satellite Program satellites.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1964–30 Jun 1966; 1 Jul 1966–30 Jun 1968; 1 Jul 1969–30 Jun 1971; 1 Jul 1971–30 Jun 1973; 1 Jul 1974–30 Jun 1976; 1 Jul 1976–26 Jun 1977; 1 Jul 1977–30 Jun 1979; 1 May 1981–30 Apr 1983; 1 May 1983–30 Apr 1984; 1 Sep 1990–31 Aug 1991.

Emblem

Celeste, the Milky Way Galaxy bendwise sinister Argent and a parabolic arch bendwise Gules surmounted by three lightning flashes radiating from fess point two and one bendwise Gules edged of the second. Overall, an olive branch palewise Or; all within a diminished bordure Or. *MOTTO*: SUPRA ET ULTRA—Above and Beyond. Approved on 10 Nov 1964 (DFSC 94–02439).



6th Space Warning Squadron

Constituted 6th Missile Warning Squadron on 8 Mar 1978. Activated on 1 Oct 1978.
Redesignated 6th Space Warning Squadron on 15 May 1992.

Assignments

21st Air Division, 1 Oct 1978; Aerospace Defense Command, 1 Oct 1979; 45th Air Division, 1 Dec 1979; 1st Space Wing, 1 Oct 1983; 21st Operations Group, 15 May 1992–.

Stations

Otis AFB (later, Cape Cod AFS; Cape Cod AS), MA, 1 Oct 1978–.

Aircraft

None.

Operations

Operated phased array radar warning system to detect sea-launched ballistic missiles and provide information on the location and velocity of earth-orbiting satellites, 1978 to present.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1979–30 Jun 1980; 1 May 1983–30 Apr 1984.

Emblem

Azure, on a base Celeste three barrulets wavy of the first, issuant from base a lighthouse Argent emitting two light rays fesswise Or surmounted in dexter by a flight symbol palewise and in sinister by a mullet of four of the second; all within a diminished bordure Yellow. Approved on 31 Mar 1995; replaced emblem approved on 17 Jun 1980 (KE 70611). *MOTTO*: EVER AWARE. Approved on 17 Jun 1980.



6th Special Operations Squadron

Constituted 6th Fighter Squadron, Commando, on 22 Sep 1944. Activated on 30 Sep 1944. Inactivated on 3 Nov 1945. Disbanded on 8 Oct 1948. Reconstituted, and activated, on 18 Apr 1962. Organized on 27 Apr 1962. Redesignated: 6th Air Commando Squadron, Fighter, on 15 Jun 1966; 6th Special Operations Squadron on 15 Jul 1968. Inactivated on 15 Nov 1969. Activated on 8 Jan 1970. Redesignated 6th Special Operations Training Squadron on 31 Aug 1972. Inactivated on 15 Sep 1974. Redesignated 6th Special Operations Flight on 25 Mar 1994. Activated on 1 Apr 1994. Redesignated 6th Special Operations Squadron on 1 Oct 1994.

Assignments

1st Air Commando Group, 30 Sep 1944–3 Nov 1945 (attached to First Provisional Fighter Group, 7 Feb–c. 8 May 1945; 2d Air Commando Group, 23 May–20 Jun 1945). Tactical Air Command, 18 Apr 1962; 1st Air Commando Group (later, 1st Air Commando Wing), 27 Apr 1962; 14th Air Commando Wing, 29 Feb 1968; 633d Special Operations Wing, 15 Jul 1968–15 Nov 1969. 4410th Combat Crew Training Wing (later, 4410th Special Operations Training Group), 8 Jan 1970; 1st Special Operations Wing, 31 Jul 1973; 23d Tactical Fighter Wing, 1 Jan–15 Sep 1974. 16th Operations Group, 1 Apr 1994–.

Stations

Asansol, India, 30 Sep 1944 (detachments operated from Cox's Bazar, India, 15–21 Oct 1944, 2–8 Nov 1944; and 11–18 Jan 1945, and from Fenny, India, 1–24 Dec 1944); Hay, India, 7 Feb 1945; Asansol, India, 9 May 1945; Kalaikunda, India, 23 May 1945; Asansol, India, 22 Jun–6 Oct 1945; Camp Kilmer, NJ, 1–3 Nov 1945. Eglin Air Force Auxiliary Airfield No. 9 (Hurlburt Field), FL, 27 Apr 1962; England AFB, LA, 15 Jan 1966–17 Feb 1968; Pleiku AB, South Vietnam, 29 Feb 1968–15 Nov 1969 (detachment operated from Da Nang AB, South Vietnam, 1 Apr 1968–1 Sep 1969). England AFB, LA, 8 Jan 1970–15 Sep 1974. Hurlburt Fld, FL, 1 Apr 1994–.

Aircraft

P-47, 1944–1945; P-51, 1945. B/RB-26 and L-28 (later, U-10), 1962–1963; T-28, 1962–1967; A-1, 1963, 1966; 1967–1969. A-37, 1970–1974.

Operations

Combat in CBI, 17 Oct 1944–8 May 1945. Combat in Southeast Asia, 1 Mar 1968–15 Nov 1969. Replacement training for US and allied pilots in A-37 aircraft, Jan 1970–Sep 1974.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: India-Burma; Central Burma. Vietnam: Vietnam Air Offensive Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive Phase III; Vietnam Air/Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive Phase IV; TET 69/Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer-Fall 1969; Vietnam Winter-Spring 1970.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Presidential Unit Citation: Vietnam, 1 Jun–15 Nov 1969. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with the Combat "V" Device: 1 Feb–20 Jun 1968; 15 Jul 1968–31 May 1969. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: Jul 1963–Jun 1965; 15 Sep 1970–31 Dec 1971. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 1 Jan 1968–15 Nov 1969.

Emblem

On a Red disc within a narrow Gold border a White annulet and overall a Blue pale fimbriated Gold bearing in chief a Gold six pointed star highlighted White, between two Gold wings erect, that are issuant from the grip of a White dagger shaded Gray in pale with point to base between two Gold lightning bolts in pile. Approved on 22 March 1966 (K 18600).



7th Airborne Command and Control Squadron

7th Ferrying Squadron (constituted 7th Air Corps Ferrying Squadron on 18 Feb 1942; activated on 24 Mar 1942; redesignated 7th Ferrying Squadron on 12 May 1943; disbanded on 1 Apr 1944; reconstituted on 19 Sep 1985) consolidated (19 Sep 1985) with: 7th Combat Cargo Squadron (constituted on 25 Apr 1944; activated on 1 May 1944; inactivated on 15 Jan 1946; disbanded on 8 Oct 1948; reconstituted on 19 Sep 1985); 7th Air Transport Squadron, Special (constituted 7th Logistics Support Squadron on 22 Jun 1954; activated on 18 Oct 1954; redesignated 7th Air Transport Squadron, Special, on 1 Jul 1964; discontinued, and inactivated, on 8 Jan 1966); and 7th Airborne Command and Control Squadron (constituted, and activated, on 13 Feb 1968; organized on 1 Mar 1968).

Assignments

North West Sector, Ferrying Command (later, 7th Ferrying Group), 18 Feb 1942–1 Apr 1944. 2d Combat Cargo Group, 1 May 1944–15 Jan 1946. Warner Robins Air Materiel Area, 18 Oct 1954; 3079th Aviation Depot Wing, 6 Feb 1955; 39th Logistics Support Group, 1 Jul 1962; 62d Troop Carrier Wing, 1 Jul 1963; 63d Troop Carrier Wing, 1 Jul 1964–8 Jan 1966. Pacific Air Forces, 13 Feb 1968; Seventh Air Force, 1 Mar 1968; 432d Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, 31 Oct 1968 (attached to Seventh Air Force, 31 Oct 1968–); 388th Tactical Fighter Wing, 30 Apr 1972 (remained attached to Seventh Air Force to 15 Aug 1973; attached to US Support Activities Group/Seventh Air Force, 15 Aug 1973–c. 21 May 1974); 374th Tactical Airlift Wing, 22 May 1974 (attached to Thirteenth Air Force, 22 May 1974–); 3d Tactical Fighter Wing, 31 Mar 1975 (remained attached to Thirteenth Air Force to 14 Aug 1975); 507th Tactical Air Control Group, 14 Aug 1975; 552d Airborne Warning and Control Wing (later, 552d Airborne Warning and Control Division), 1 Oct 1976; 28th Air Division, 1 Apr 1985 (attached to Air Division Provisional, 15, 5 Dec 1990–c. 16 Mar 1991); 552d Operations Group, 29 May 1992; 55th Operations Group, 19 Jul 1994–.

Stations

Seattle, WA, 24 Mar 1942; Gore Field, Great Falls, MT, 22 Jun 1942–1 Apr 1944. Syracuse AAB, NY, 1 May 1944; Baer Field, IN, 7–27 Oct 1944; Biak Island, 11 Nov 1944; Dulag, Leyte, May 1945; Okinawa, 19 Aug 1945; Yokota AB, Japan, 22 Sep 1945–15 Jan 1946. Robins AFB, GA, 19 Oct 1954–8 Jan 1966. Da Nang AB, South Vietnam (operated from Udorn RTAFB, Thailand), 1 Mar 1968; Udorn RTAFB, Thailand, 31 Oct 1968; Korat RTAFB, Thailand, 15 Apr 1972; Clark AB, Philippines, 22 May 1974–14 Aug 1975; Keesler AFB, MS, 14 Aug 1975 (deployed at Sharjah, United Arab Emirates, 1–25 Sep 1991 and Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, 25 Sep 1990–16 Mar 1991); Offutt AFB, NE, 19 Jul 1994–.

Aircraft

None (ferried tactical aircraft), 24 Mar 1942–1 Apr 1944. C-47, 1944–1945; C-46, 1944–1945. C-124, 1954–1966. C (later, EC)-130, 1968–.

Operations

Ferried lend-lease aircraft to Alaska for turnover to Soviets, Jun 1942–Mar 1944. Aerial transportation in Southwest and Western Pacific, 13 Dec 1944–Sep 1945. Provided airlift support during Cuban Missile Crisis, 17–28 Oct

1962. Airborne combat command and control in SEA, 1 Mar 1968–15 Aug 1973. Controlled airborne forces during the recovery of the *SS Mayaguez*, May 1975; in Grenada, 23 Oct–21 Nov 1983; Panama, Dec 1989–Jan 1992; and Southwest Asia, 1 Sep 1990–16 Mar 1991.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Japan; New Guinea; Western Pacific; Leyte; Luzon; Southern Philippines; Ryukyus. Vietnam: Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air/Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; TET 69/Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer-Fall, 1969; Vietnam Winter-Spring, 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon; Commando Hunt V; Commando Hunt VI; Commando Hunt VII; Vietnam Ceasefire. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Grenada, 1983.

Decorations

Presidential Unit Citations: Vietnam, 1 Nov 1968–31 Oct 1969; Vietnam, 1–30 Apr 1972. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards, with Combat “V” Device: 1 Mar 1968–17 May 1969; 21 Nov 1969–20 Nov 1970; 21 Nov 1970–6 Apr 1971; 18 Dec 1972–15 Aug 1973; 12 Apr–15 May 1975. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 17–28 Oct 1962; 1 Jul 1965–7 Jan 1966; 1 Jul 1977–30 Jun 1978; 1 Jul 1978–30 Jun 1980; 1 Jul 1982–30 Jun 1984; 1 Apr 1985–31 Mar 1987; 1 Apr 1987–31 Mar 1989; 1 Dec 1989–1 Dec 1991. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII). Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 1 Mar 1968–28 Jan 1973.

Emblem

On a Light Blue disc fimbriated White within a Yellow band a stylized White bird detailed Black with wings extending to base emitting two Red lightning bolts to dexter and sinister base. Originally approved on 17 Feb 1977 (KE 61927) revised in 1994; replaced emblems approved on 28 Feb 1956 (K 9866) and 5 Jul 1945 (K 3760).



7th Airlift Squadron

Constituted 7th Transport Squadron on 1 Oct 1933. Activated on 14 Oct 1939.
Redesignated 7th Troop Carrier Squadron on 4 Jul 1942. Inactivated on 27 Nov 1945.
Activated on 7 Sep 1946. Redesignated: 7th Troop Carrier Squadron, Medium, on 23 Jun 1948; 7th Troop Carrier Squadron, Heavy, on 12 Oct 1949; 7th Air Transport Squadron, Heavy, on 1 Jan 1965; 7th Military Airlift Squadron on 8 Jan 1966. Inactivated on 22 Dec 1969. Activated on 13 Mar 1971. Redesignated 7th Airlift Squadron on 1 Nov 1991.

Assignments

10th Transport Group, 14 Oct 1939; 62d Transport (later, 62d Troop Carrier) Group, 11 Dec 1940–14 Nov 1945; Unkn, 15–27 Nov 1945. 62d Troop Carrier Group, 7 Sep 1946 (attached to Yukon Sector, Alaskan Air Command, 15 Sep 1947–5 Mar 1948; 62d Troop Carrier Wing, 8–14 Jan 1960); 62d Troop Carrier (later, 62d Air Transport; 62d Military Airlift) Wing, 15 Jan 1960–22 Dec 1969. 60th Military Airlift Wing, 13 Mar 1971; 60th Military Airlift Group, 6 Mar 1978; 60th Military Airlift Wing, 15 Feb 1979; 60th Operations Group, 1 Nov 1991; 62d Operations Group, 1 Oct 1993–.

Stations

Sacramento Air Depot (later, McClellan Field), CA, 14 Oct 1939; Kellogg Field, MI, 29 May 1942; Florence AAB, SC, 2 Jul–14 Aug 1942; Greenham Common, England, 7 Sep 1942; Keevil, England, 25 Sep–16 Nov 1942; Tafaroui, Algeria, 27 Dec 1942 (operated from bases in Egypt and Palestine, 13 Mar–19 May 1943); Matemore, Algeria, 21 May 1943; El Djem, Tunisia, 22 Jun 1943; Goubrine, Tunisia, 26 Jul 1943; Ponte Olivo, Sicily, 6 Sep 1943; Brindisi, Italy, 12 Feb 1944; Ponte Olivo, Sicily, 29 Mar 1944; Guado Airfield, Italy, 8 May 1944; Galera Airfield, Italy, 28 Jun 1944; Brindisi, Italy, 22 Oct 1944; Tarquinia, Italy, 4 Dec 1944; Rosignano, Italy, 24 May 1945; Naples, Italy, 25 Sep–27 Nov 1945. Bergstrom Field, TX, 7 Sep 1946; McChord Field (later, AFB), WA, 5 Aug 1947 (operated from Elmendorf Field, AK, 15 Sep 1947–5 Mar 1948); Kelly AFB, TX, 9 May 1950 (operated from McChord AFB, WA, 27 Jul 1950–18 Feb 1951); McChord AFB, WA, 19 Feb 1951; Larson AFB, WA, 9 May 1952; McChord, AFB, WA, 13 Jun 1960–22 Dec 1969. Travis AFB, CA, 13 Mar 1971; McChord AFB, WA, 1 Oct 1993–.

Aircraft

C–33, 1939–1941; C–39, 1939–1942; B–10, 1939–1940; C–53, 1942; C–47, 1942–1945. C–46, 1946–1947; C–82, 1947–1949; C–54, 1949–1951; C–124, 1951–1969. C–141, 1971–.

Operations

Included airborne assaults on Sicily and Southern France, support of partisans in Northern Italy and the Balkans, and transportation of personnel and supplies in MTO, during World War II. Airlift from US to Japan during Korean War. Worldwide airlift beginning May 1952. Flew frequent missions to Southeast Asia, Jan 1966–Dec 1969 and Apr 1971–Apr 1975. Supported

operations in Grenada, 25 Oct–7 Nov 1983; Panama, 20 Dec 1989; and Southwest Asia, Aug 1990–.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Tunisia; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Rome-Arno; Southern France; North Apennines; Po Valley; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamer

Panama, 1989–1990.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 19 Apr–5 May 1954; 1 Jan 1961–1 Nov 1962; 1 Jul 1965–15 Jul 1966; 15 Nov 1967–15 Nov 1969; 1 Jul 1974–30 Jun 1975; 1 Jul 1975–30 Jun 1977; 16 Dec 1989–31 Jan 1990; 1 Jul 1990–30 Jun 1992. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 1 Apr 1966–[28 Jan 1973].

Emblem

On a medium Blue disk, edged and marked with Dark Blue lines of latitude and longitude, a Gold dexter hand couped, grasping a double edged Gold sword, pommel and hilt cap White, handle Red, between two Green olive branches, banded Yellow in base, surmounted by a broad White lightning bolt fesswise, blunted at points. Approved on 9 Aug 1944 (K 2893).



7th Fighter Squadron

Constituted 7th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) on 20 Nov 1940. Activated on 15 Jan 1941. Redesignated: 7th Fighter Squadron on 15 May 1942; 7th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 20 Aug 1943; 7th Fighter Squadron, Two Engine, on 6 Nov 1944; 7th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 8 Jan 1946; 7th Fighter Squadron, Jet-Propelled, on 1 May 1948; 7th Fighter Squadron, Jet, on 10 August 1948; 7th Fighter-Bomber Squadron on 1 Feb 1950; 7th Tactical Fighter Squadron on 8 Jul 1958; 7th Fighter Squadron on 1 Nov 1991.

Assignments

49th Pursuit (later, 49th Fighter; 49th Fighter-Bomber) Group, 15 Jan 1941 (attached to 49th Fighter-Bomber Wing, 9 Jul–17 Aug 1950 and 7 Aug 1956–15 Apr 1957; 4th Fighter-Day Wing, 15 Apr–10 Dec 1957); 49th Fighter-Bomber (later, 49th Tactical Fighter; 49th Fighter) Wing, 10 Dec 1957 (attached to 26th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, 10 Sep–6 Oct 1971; 86th Tactical Fighter Wing, 2 Mar–4 Apr 1973; 36th Tactical Fighter Wing, 2 Apr–3 May 1974 and 4 Oct–6 Nov 1975; 86th Tactical Fighter Wing, 23 Aug–25 Sep 1976); 49th Operations Group, 15 Nov 1991–.

Stations

Selfridge Field, MI, 15 Jan 1941; Morrison Field, FL, c. 23 May 1941–4 Jan 1942; Melbourne, Australia, 2 Feb 1942; Bankstown, Australia, 16 Feb 1942; Batchelor, Australia, 9 Apr 1942; Port Moresby, New Guinea, 19 Sep 1942; Dobodura, New Guinea, 15 Apr 1943; Gusap, New Guinea, 16 Nov 1943; Finschhafen, New Guinea, 27 Apr 1944; Hollandia, New Guinea, 3 May 1944; Biak, 5 Jun 1944; Tacloban, Leyte, 24 Oct 1944; San Jose, Mindoro, 30 Dec 1944; Lingayen, Luzon, c. 25 Feb 1945; Okinawa, 17 Aug 1945; Atsugi, Japan, 15 Sep 1945; Chitose AB, Japan, c. 20 Feb 1946; Misawa AB, Japan, 2 Apr 1948; Itazuke AB, Japan, 14 Aug 1950; Taegu AB, South Korea, 28 Sep 1950; Kunsan AB, South Korea, 1 Apr 1953; Itazuke AB, Japan, 2 Nov 1953; Misawa AB, Japan, 7 Aug 1956; Chitose AB, Japan, 1 Jul–10 Dec 1957; Etain/Rouvres AB, France, 10 Dec 1957; Spangdahlem AB, Germany, 25 Aug 1959–15 Jul 1968; Holloman AFB, NM, 15 Jul 1968–(deployed at Ramstein AB, Germany, 10 Sep–6 Oct 1971 and 2 Mar–4 Apr 1973; Takhli RTAFB, Thailand, 11 May–12 Aug 1972; Bitburg AB, Germany, 2 Apr–3 May 1974 and 4 Oct–6 Nov 1975; Ramstein AB, Germany, 23 Aug–25 Sep 1976).

Aircraft

P–35, 1941; P–40, 1942–1944; P–47, 1943–1944; P–38, 1944–1946; P–51, 1946–1949; F–80, 1949–1951; F–84, 1951–1956; F–86, 1956–1957; F–100, 1957–1962; F–105, 1962–1966; F–4, 1967–1977; F–15, 1977–1991; AT–38, 1992–.

Operations

Combat in Southwest Pacific, 14 Mar 1942–4 Aug 1945. Combat in Korea, 14 Aug 1950–27 Jul 1953. Combat in Southeast Asia, 11 May–12 Aug 1972. Basic fighter training, Sep 1992–.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: East Indies; Air Offensive, Japan; China Defensive; Papua; New Guinea; Western Pacific; Leyte; Luzon; China Offensive. Korea: UN Defensive; UN Offensive; CCF Intervention; First UN Counteroffensive; CCF Spring Offensive; UN Summer-Fall Offensive; Second Korean Winter; Korea Summer-Fall, 1952; Third Korean Winter; Korea, Summer 1953. Vietnam: Vietnam Ceasefire.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Australia, 14 Mar–25 Aug 1942; Papua, [c. 25 Sep] 1942–23 Jan 1943; Biak, 15 May 1944; Philippine Islands, 27 Oct–7 Dec 1944; Korea, [14 Aug]–25 Nov 1950; Korea, 9 Jul–27 Nov 1951. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat “V” Device: 5 May–6 Oct 1972. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Mar 1964–28 Feb 1966; 1 Mar 1966–30 Jun 1967; 1 Jan 1971–15 Apr 1972. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII). Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citations: [14 Aug] 1950–7 Feb 1951; 8 Feb 1951–31 Mar 1953. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 8 May–24 Aug 1972.

Emblem

On a Yellow disc, edged with a Black border, an aborigine “bunyap” affronte Light Brown, eyes Green, pupils Red, fangs and claws White, tipped with blood. Approved on 13 May 1944 (K 7064).



7th Space Warning Squadron

Constituted 7th Missile Warning Squadron on 15 Mar 1979. Activated on 1 Jul 1979.
Redesignated 7th Space Warning Squadron on 15 May 1992.

Assignments

26th Air Division, 1 Jul 1979; Aerospace Defense Command, 1 Oct 1979; 14th Air Division, 1 Dec 1979; 1st Space Wing, 1 May 1983; 21st Operations Group, 15 May 1992–.

Stations

Beale AFB, CA, 1 Jul 1979–.

Aircraft

None.

Operations

Operated phased array radar warning system to detect sea-launched ballistic missiles and supported the Space Surveillance Network by tracking objects in earth-orbit, 1980 to present.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1979–30 Jun 1981; 1 May 1983–30 Apr 1984.

Emblem

Azure a demi globe issuant from sinister base Vert gridlined Sable below a pole star in chief Or and surmounted by an owl proper perched on a lightning flash fesswise of the fourth; in dexter chief two flight symbols descending bendwise sinister Yellow each arcing a contrail bendwise to the globe Gules, all within a diminished bordure of the fourth. *MOTTO*: EYES TO THE WEST. Approved on 8 Jun 1995; replaced emblem approved on 13 Aug 1981 (KE 73557).



7th Special Operations Squadron

The 27th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron (constituted 27th Observation Squadron on 1 Jul 1942; activated on 17 Jul 1942; redesignated 27th Reconnaissance Squadron [Fighter] on 2 Apr 1943, and 27th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron on 11 Aug 1943; disbanded on 30 Nov 1943; reconstituted on 19 Sep 1985) consolidated (19 Sep 1985) with the 167th Liaison Squadron (activated on 19 Feb 1945 by special authority prior to constitution on 1 Mar 1945; inactivated on 3 Oct 1946) and the 7th Special Operations Squadron (constituted 7th Air Commando Squadron, Composite, and activated, on 14 May 1964; organized on 1 Jul 1964; redesignated 7th Special Operations Squadron on 15 Jul 1968).

Assignments

77th Observation (later, 77th Reconnaissance; 77th Tactical Reconnaissance) Group, 17 Jul 1942–30 Nov 1943. Ninth Air Force, 19 Feb 1945 (attached to Sixth Army Group to 14 Jun 1945); XII Tactical Air Command, 20 May 1945; US Forces, European Theater, 15 Jul 1945; Third Air Force, 4 Aug 1945; XIX Tactical Air Command, 21 Jan 1946; Tactical Air Command, 21 Mar 1946; Ninth Air Force, 28 Mar–3 Oct 1946. United States Air Forces in Europe, 14 May 1964; Seventeenth Air Force, 1 May 1967; 26th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, 17 Nov 1972; 86th Tactical Fighter Wing, 31 Jan 1973; 322d Tactical Airlift Wing, 15 Mar 1973; Seventeenth Air Force, 30 Jun 1975; 601st Tactical Control Wing, 15 Oct 1975; 7575th Operations Group, 1 Jul 1977; 2d Air Division, 1 Mar 1983; 39th Aerospace Rescue & Recovery (later, 39th Special Operations) Wing, 1 Feb 1987 (attached to Joint Special Operations Task Force, 13 Jan–18 Mar 1991 and 6 Apr–14 May 1991); 352d Special Operations Group, 1 Dec 1992– (attached to Joint Special Operations Task Force, 22 Feb–22 Mar 1993).

Stations

Godman Field, KY, 17 Jul 1942; Alamo Airfield, TX, 15 Oct 1942; Abilene Airfield, TX, 9 Apr 1943; Esler Field, LA, 13 Sep 1943; Birmingham AAB, AL, 14–30 Nov 1943. Vittel, France, 19 Feb 1945; Kaiserslautern, Germany, 5 Apr 1945; Pfaffengrund, Germany, 14 Apr 1945; Darmstadt, Germany, 10 Jun–2 Jul 1945; Drew Field, FL, 4 Aug 1945; Muskogee AAFld, OK, 1 Sep 1945; Marshall Field, KS, 1 Nov 1945–3 Oct 1946. Sembach AB, Germany, 1 Jul 1964; Ramstein AB, Germany, 15 Aug 1968; Rhein-Main AB, Germany, 15 Mar 1973 (deployed at Incirlik AB, Turkey, 13 Jan–18 Mar 1991 and 6 Apr–14 May 1991); RAF Alconbury, England, 1 Oct 1992– (deployed at Rhein-Main AB, Germany, 22 Feb–22 Mar 1993).

Aircraft

O–47, L–1, and L–4, 1942; P–39, 1942–1943. L–4, 1945; L–5, 1945–1946. C–47, 1964–1973; C–123, 1964–c. 1973; U–10, 1964–1968; C–130, 1968–c. 1977; UH–1, 1971–1973; MC–130, 1977–.

Operations

Aerial support for training ground forces, Jul 1942–Nov 1943. Courier operations in ETO, 10 Mar–May 1945. Special operations training, May 1964–. Supported Coalition forces in Southwest Asia conflict, Jan–Mar 1991; later resupplied Kurds in Northern Iraq.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Rhineland; Central Europe. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat “V” Device: 14 Jan–23 Mar 1991. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 15 Sep 1964–15 Aug 1966; 16 Aug 1966–15 Jul 1968; 17 Mar–30 Jun 1972; 1 Aug 1976–30 Jun 1978; 1 Jul 1978–30 Jun 1979; 1 Jul 1981–30 Jun 1983; 1 Jul 1983–30 Jun 1985; 1 Jul 1985–30 Jun 1986; 1 Jul 1989–30 Jun 1991; 24 Mar 1991–31 Jul 1992; 1 Aug 1992–31 Jul 1993.

Emblem

On a Light Blue disc within a Brown border, issuing from base a Blue demi-sphere grid lined and rimmed White, surmounted by a Yellow lightning flash and sword forming a saltire and supporting a Yellow eagle displayed with wings inverted, White head and tail, all detailed Brown. Approved on 11 Jan 1965 (KE 16243); replaced emblem approved on 28 Dec 1942 (K 2884).



8th Airborne Command and Control Squadron

The 8th Ferrying Squadron (constituted 8th Air Corps Ferrying Squadron on 18 Feb 1942; activated on 24 Mar 1942; redesignated 8th Ferrying Squadron on 12 May 1943; disbanded on 31 Mar 1944; reconstituted on 19 Sep 1985) consolidated (19 Sep 1985) with: 8th Combat Cargo Squadron (constituted on 25 Apr 1944; activated on 1 May 1944; inactivated on 15 Jan 1946; disbanded on 8 Oct 1948; reconstituted on 19 Sep 1985); 8th Helicopter Flight (constituted on 7 Oct 1949; activated on 27 Oct 1949; inactivated on 19 Feb 1952; activated on 14 Mar 1952; inactivated on 16 Dec 1952); and 8th Tactical Deployment Control Squadron (constituted 8th Airborne Command and Control Squadron on 14 Aug 1969; activated on 15 Oct 1969; inactivated on 8 Mar 1971; activated on 1 Feb 1972; redesignated 8th Tactical Deployment Control Squadron on 30 Apr 1974). Redesignated: 8th Air Deployment Control Squadron on 1 Nov 1991; 8th Airborne Command and Control Squadron on 1 Jul 1994.

Assignments

Nashville Sector, Ferrying Command (later, Nashville Sector, Domestic Wing, Ferrying Command; 4th Ferrying Group), 24 Mar 1942–31 Mar 1944. 2d Combat Cargo Group, 1 May 1944–15 Jan 1946 (attached to 5298th Troop Carrier Wing [Provisional], Nov–Dec 1944). 5700th Air Base Group, 27 Oct 1949–19 Feb 1952. Eighteenth Air Force (attached to 16th Troop Carrier Squadron), 14 Mar–16 Dec 1952. 4500th Air Base Wing, 15 Oct 1969–8 Mar 1971. Tactical Air Command, 1 Feb 1972; 552d Airborne Warning and Control Wing (later, 552d Airborne Warning and Control Division; 552d Airborne Warning and Control Wing), 1 Jan 1978; 28th Air Division, 1 Mar 1986; 552d Operations Group, 29 May 1992–.

Stations

Nashville, TN, 24 Mar 1942; Memphis Muni Aprt, TN, 9 Dec 1942–31 Mar 1944. Syracuse AAB, NY, 1 May 1944; Baer Field, IN, 6–27 Oct 1944; Finschhafen, New Guinea, Nov 1944; Biak, New Guinea, Jan 1945; Dulag, Leyte, 19 Mar 1945; Okinawa, 25 Aug 1945; Yokota AB, Japan, Sep 1945–15 Jan 1946. Albrook AFB, CZ, 27 Oct 1949–19 Feb 1952. Sewart AFB, TN, 14 Mar–16 Dec 1952. Langley AFB, VA, 15 Oct 1969–8 Mar 1971. Seymour Johnson AFB, NC, 1 Feb 1972; Tinker AFB, OK, 15 Jun 1978–.

Aircraft

None (ferried aircraft), 1942–1944. C–46, 1944–1945; C–47, 1944, 1945. H–5, 1949–1952. EC–121, 1969–1970; EC/C–135, 1969–1971. EC/C–135, 1972–.

Operations

Ferried aircraft to combat theaters and to Brazil under the lend-lease program, Mar 1942–Mar 1944. Aerial transportation in Southwestern and Western Pacific, Nov 1944–Sep 1945. Logistical and supply support to installations in Panama and Latin America, Oct 1949–Feb 1952. Airlift in Far East and Europe, Oct 1969–Mar 1971. Airborne command post for tactical deployments worldwide, Feb 1972 to present. Deployed personnel and equipment to Spain and airfield personnel and equipment into Saudi Arabia, Aug 1990–c. Mar 1991.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Japan; New Guinea; Western Pacific; Leyte; Luzon; Southern Philippines; Ryukyus. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: [1 Feb 1972]–1 Jun 1973; 16 Sep 1973–15 Apr 1974; 1 Jan–30 Jun 1978; 1 Jul 1978–30 Jun 1980; 1 Jul 1982–30 Jun 1984; 1 Apr 1985–31 Mar 1987; 1 Apr 1987–31 Mar 1989; 1 Dec 1989–1 Dec 1991. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII).

Emblem

On a Blue disc edged with a narrow Yellow border, a White shield on which is a Blue sphere with axis vertical, grid lined White, overall a Gray flight symbol and a Yellow lightning bolt in saltire. Approved on 30 May 1973 (KE 52240).



8th Airlift Squadron

Constituted 8th Transport Squadron on 1 Oct 1933. Activated on 1 Feb 1940.
Redesignated 8th Troop Carrier Squadron on 4 Jul 1942. Inactivated on 11 Nov 1945.
Activated on 7 Sep 1946. Redesignated: 8th Troop Carrier Squadron, Medium, on 23 Jun 1948; 8th Troop Carrier Squadron, Heavy, on 12 Oct 1949; 8th Air Transport Squadron, Heavy, on 1 Jan 1965; 8th Military Airlift Squadron on 8 Jan 1966; 8th Airlift Squadron on 1 Dec 1991.

Assignments

10th Transport Group, 1 Feb 1940; 62d Transport (later, 62d Troop Carrier) Group, 11 Dec 1940–11 Nov 1945. 62d Troop Carrier Group, 7 Sep 1946 (attached to Alaskan Air Command, 2 Sep–1 Dec 1948; 62d Troop Carrier Wing, 8–14 Jan 1960); 62d Troop Carrier (later, 62d Military Airlift) Wing, 15 Jan 1960; 62d Operations Group, 1 Dec 1991–.

Stations

Brooks Field, TX, 1 Feb 1940; Duncan Field, TX, 5 Nov 1940; Hill Field, UT, 29 Jun 1941; Kellogg Field, MI, 26 May 1942; Florence, SC, 30 Jun–14 Aug 1942; Keevil, England, 25 Sep 1942; Tafaraoui, Algeria, 16 Nov 1942; Nouvion, Algeria, 22 Dec 1942; Matemore, Algeria, 17 May 1943; El Djem, Tunisia, 1 Jul 1943; Goubrine, Tunisia, 28 Jul 1943; Gela, Sicily, 7 Sep 1943; Ponte Olivo, Sicily, 30 Sep 1943; Gaudo Airfield, Italy, 8 May 1944; Galera Airfield, Italy, 30 Jun 1944; Malignano Airfield, Italy, 5 Oct 1944; Tarquinia, Italy, 9 Jan 1945; Rosignano, Italy, 26 May 1945; Naples, Italy, Oct–11 Nov 1945. Bergstrom Field, TX, 7 Sep 1946; McChord Field (later, AFB), WA, 14 Jul 1947 (deployed at Elmendorf Field, AK, 2 Sep–1 Dec 1948); Kelly AFB, TX, 9 May 1950; McChord AFB, WA, 27 Jul 1950; Larson AFB, WA, 9 May 1952; McChord AFB, WA, 13 Jun 1960–.

Aircraft

Probably included C–39, 1940–1942; C–47, 1942–1945. C–46, 1946–1947; C–82, 1947–1949; C–54, 1949–1951; C–124, 1951–1969; C–141, 1966–.

Operations

Included airborne assaults on Sicily and Southern France, support of partisans in Northern Italy and the Balkans, and transportation of personnel and supplies in the MTO, during World War II. Airlift from US to Japan during the Korean War. Airdropped equipment and personnel during the invasion of Panama on 20 Dec 1989.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Tunisia; Sicily; Naples Foggia; Rome-Arno; Southern France; North Apennines; Po Valley; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Panama, 1989–1990.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 19 Apr–5 May 1954; 1 Jan 1961–1 Nov 1962; 1 Jul 1965–15 Jul 1966; 1 Jul 1969–30 Jun 1970; 1 Jul 1973–30 Jun 1974; 1 Jul 1981–30 Jun 1983; 1 Jul 1983–30 Jun 1985; 14 Jun–3 Jul 1991. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 1 Apr 1966–28 Jan 1973.

Emblem

On a disc White, edged Black, a caricatured winged work horse Yellow, outlined Black, branded on hip with a Red cross, galloping at full speed, and wearing a revolver in holster fastened to cartridge belt Tan about the neck, and having a machine gun Tan and a packing box Brown strapped to his back, all over a silhouette figure Black descending by parachute in sinister base toward large White cloud formation in base. Approved on 12 Jun 1943 (K&KE 2893) and modified in 1994.



8th Fighter Squadron

Constituted 8th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) on 20 Nov 1940. Activated on 15 Jan 1941. Redesignated: 8th Fighter Squadron on 15 May 1942; 8th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 20 Aug 1943; 8th Fighter Squadron, Two Engine, on 6 Nov 1944; 8th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 8 Jan 1946; 8th Fighter Squadron, Jet Propelled, on 1 May 1948; 8th Fighter Squadron, Jet, on 10 Aug 1948; 8th Fighter-Bomber Squadron on 1 Feb 1950; 8th Tactical Fighter Squadron on 8 Jul 1958; 8th Fighter Squadron on 1 Nov 1991.

Assignments

49th Pursuit (later 49th Fighter; 49th Fighter-Bomber) Group, 15 Jan 1941 (attached to 49th Fighter-Bomber Wing, 15 Apr–15 Oct 1957); 49th Fighter-Bomber (later, 49th Tactical Fighter; 49th Fighter) Wing, 10 Dec 1957 (attached to 26th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, c. 12 Sep–c. 11 Oct 1970 and 10 Sep–6 Oct 1971; 50th Tactical Fighter Wing, 3 Mar–5 Apr 1973 and 5 Sep–6 Oct 1975; 86th Tactical Fighter Wing, 21 Sep–20 Oct 1976 and 22 Aug–22 Sep 1977); 49th Operations Group, 15 Nov 1991–.

Stations

Selfridge Field, MI, 15 Jan 1941; Morrison Field, FL, c. 23 May 1941–4 Jan 1942; Melbourne, Australia, 2 Feb 1942; Canberra, Australia, 16 Feb 1942; Darwin, Australia, 17 Apr 1942; Port Moresby, New Guinea, 25 Sep 1942; Dobodura, New Guinea, 15 Apr 1943; Tsili Tsili, New Guinea, 30 Aug 1943; Gusap, New Guinea, c. 29 Oct 1943; Hollandia, New Guinea, 3 May 1944; Biak, 23 Jun 1944; Tacloban, Leyte, 25 Oct 1944; San Jose, Mindoro, 2 Jan 1945; Lingayen, Luzon, 27 Feb 1945; Okinawa, 17 Aug 1945; Atsugi, Japan, 15 Sep 1945; Chitose AB, Japan, c. 20 Feb 1946; Misawa AB, Japan, 2 Apr 1948; Ashiya AB, Japan, 30 Jun 1950; Itazuke AB, Japan, 8 Jul 1950; Taegu AB, South Korea, 29 Sep 1950; Kunsan AB, South Korea, 1 Apr 1953; Misawa AB, Japan, 4 Nov 1953–10 Dec 1957; Etain/Rouvres AB, France, 10 Dec 1957; Spangdahlem AB, Germany, 25 Aug 1959–15 Jul 1968; Holloman AFB, NM, 15 Jul 1968– (deployed at Ramstein AB, Germany, c. 12 Sep–c. 11 Oct 1970 and 10 Sep–6 Oct 1971; Takhli RTAFB, Thailand, 12 May–4 Oct 1972; Hahn AB, Germany, 3 Mar–5 Apr 1973 and 5 Sep–6 Oct 1975; Ramstein AB, Germany, 21 Sep–20 Oct 1976 and 22 Aug–22 Sep 1977).

Aircraft

P–35, 1941; P–40, 1942–1944; P–47, 1943–1944; P–38, 1944–1946; P–51, 1946–1949, 1950; F–80, 1948–1951; F–84, 1951–1957; F–100, 1957–1962; F–105, 1962–1967; F–4, 1967–1978; F–15, 1978–1992; AT–38, 1992–.

Operations

Combat in Southwest Pacific, c. 20 Apr 1942–4 Aug 1945. Combat in Korea, 2 Jul 1950–27 Jul 1953. Combat in Southeast Asia, c. 12 May–2 Oct 1972. Portions of the squadron deployed to Southwest Asia to fly combat air patrol, 19 Sep–19 Dec 1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: East Indies; Air Offensive, Japan; China Defensive; Papua; New Guinea; Western Pacific; Leyte; Luzon; Southern Philippines; China Offensive. Korea: UN Defensive; UN Offensive; CCF Intervention; First UN Counteroffensive; CCF Spring Offensive; UN Summer-Fall Offensive; Second Korean Winter; Korea Summer-Fall, 1952; Third Korean Winter; Korea, Summer 1953. Vietnam: Vietnam Ceasefire.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Australia, [c. 20 Apr]–25 Aug 1942; Papua, [c. 30 Sep] 1942–23 Jan 1943; New Guinea, 14 May 1943; Philippine Islands, 27 Oct–7 Dec 1944; Korea, [2 Jul]–25 Nov 1950; Korea, 9 Jul–27 Nov 1951. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat “V” Device: 5 May–6 Oct 1972. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Mar 1964–28 Feb 1966; 1 Mar 1966–30 Jun 1967; 1 Jan 1971–15 Apr 1972. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII). Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citations: [2 Jul] 1950–7 Feb 1951; 8 Feb 1951–31 Mar 1953. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 9 May–4 Oct 1972.

Emblem

On an Air Force Golden Yellow disc within a narrow Black border, a Black sheep, his eye White, standing on a Red lightning flash fesswise, abased, the lightning pointing to dexter. *MOTTO*: THE BLACK SHEEP. Approved on 12 May 1960 (K 11830); replaced emblem approved on 7 Jan 1952 (43183 A.C.).



8th Flying Training Squadron

Constituted 8th Photographic Squadron on 19 Jan 1942. Activated 1 Feb 1942.

Redesignated: 8th Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron on 9 Jun 1942; 8th Photographic Squadron (Light) on 6 Feb 1943; 8th Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron on 13 Nov 1943; 8th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, Night Photographic, on 10 Aug 1948; 8th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, Photo-Jet, on 1 Aug 1949. Inactivated on 25 Feb 1951. Redesignated 8th Flying Training Squadron on 14 Apr 1972. Activated on 1 Nov 1972.

Assignments

IV Air Support Command, 1 Feb 1942; Fifth Air Force, 29 Mar 1942 (attached to Allied Air Forces, Apr–Sep 1942); V Bomber Command, 5 Sep 1942; 6th Photographic (later, 6th Reconnaissance) Group, 13 Nov 1943 (attached to V Bomber Command after c. 10 Dec 1945); V Bomber Command, 27 Apr 1946; 314th Composite Wing, 31 May 1946; 71st Reconnaissance (later, 71st Tactical Reconnaissance) Group, 28 Feb 1947 (attached to 314th Composite Wing to Nov 1947); Fifth Air Force, 1 Apr 1949; 543d Tactical Support Group, 26 Sep 1950–25 Feb 1951. 71st Flying Training Wing, 1 Nov 1972; 71st Operations Group, 15 Dec 1991–.

Stations

March Field, CA, 1 Feb–14 Mar 1942 (two flights at March Field, CA, to 16 Jun 1942); Melbourne, Australia, 7 Apr 1942; Brisbane, Australia, 24 Apr 1942; Townsville, Australia, 2 May 1942; Port Moresby, New Guinea, 9 Sep 1942; Nadzab, New Guinea, 16 Mar 1944 (operated from Biak after c. 11 Aug 1944); Biak, 10 Sep–20 Oct 1944; Dulag, Leyte, 4 Nov 1944 (air echelon at Clark Field, Luzon, 19 May–12 Aug 1945); Okinawa, 21 Jul 1945; Chofu, Japan, 28 Sep 1945; Irumagawa, Japan, 25 Jan 1946; Yokota AB, Japan, 25 Mar 1949 (detachment operated from Itazuke AB, Japan, from 29 Jun 1950); Itazuke AB, Japan, 9 Jul 1950; Taegu AB, South Korea, 2 Oct 1950; Komaki AB, Japan (operated from Taegu AB, South Korea), 26 Jan–25 Feb 1951. Vance AFB, OK, 1 Nov 1972–.

Aircraft

In addition to P–38/F–4, 1942–1944, and P–38/F–5, 1943–1946, included B–17, 1942–1943, B–26, 1943–1944, and F–6, 1946; P–51 and P–61, 1946; F–15 (later, RF–61), 1947–1949; RF–80, 1949–1951. T–37, 1972–.

Operations

Combat in Southwest Pacific and Western Pacific, 16 Apr 1942–25 Aug 1945. Not operational, Apr 1946–Jul 1947. Combat in Korea, 29 Jun 1950–24 Feb 1951. Undergraduate pilot training for USAF, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve and selected foreign allies, 1 Nov 1972–.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: East Indies; Air Offensive, Japan; China Defensive; Papua; Guadalcanal; New Guinea; Northern Solomons; Bismarck Archipelago; Western Pacific; Leyte; Luzon; Southern Philippines; China Offensive; Air Combat, Asiatic-Pacific Theater. Korea: UN Defensive; UN Offensive; CCF Intervention; First UN Counteroffensive.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Papua, 23 Jul 1942–23 Jan 1943; Philippine Islands, 18–[20] Sep 1944; Philippine Islands, [26] Nov–15 Dec 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jan–31 Dec 1975; 1 Jan 1977–30 Apr 1978; 1 May 1982–30 Apr 1984; 1 Apr 1986–31 Mar 1988; 1 Apr 1988–31 Mar 1990. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII). Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation: 10–[24] Feb 1951.

Emblem

Celeste, on a mount issuing two palm trees in dexter Vert, and below a cloud Argent surmounted in sinister by a lightning flash palewise Azure, a caricature of a native American proper, attired with a feather palewise from hair of the third tipped Gules above a chevron reversed of the fourth and a loin cloth of the like bordered White and Red; pendant from a neck strap, a camera Sable and Argent and grasping in sinister hand, a tomahawk proper with his dexter hand resting on the number eight pool ball proper overall in base. Approved c. Jun 1990 (DFSC 91–03020) and slightly modified on 13 Apr 1995; replaced emblems approved on 8 Aug 1984 and 2 Jan 1973 (KE 51211).



8th Special Operations Squadron

Organized as 8th Aero Squadron on 21 Jun 1917. Redesignated: 8th Squadron (Surveillance) c. Jun 1921; 8th Squadron (Attack) c. Nov 1921; 8th Attack Squadron on 25 Jan 1923; 8th Bombardment Squadron (Light) on 15 Sep 1939; 8th Bombardment Squadron (Dive) on 28 Sep 1942; 8th Bombardment Squadron (Light) on 25 May 1943; 8th Bombardment Squadron, Light, c. Apr 1944; 8th Bombardment Squadron, Light, Night Intruder, on 25 Jun 1951; 8th Bombardment Squadron, Tactical, on 1 Oct 1955; 8th Attack Squadron on 18 Nov 1969; 8th Special Operations Squadron on 30 Sep 1970; 8th Fighter Squadron on 1 Jul 1973; 8th Special Operations Squadron on 1 Mar 1974.

Assignments

Unkn, 21 Jun 1917–31 Aug 1918; IV Corps Observation Group, 31 Aug 1918; VI Corps Observation Group, 23 Oct 1918–5 Feb 1919; unkn, 5 Feb–1 Jul 1919; Army Surveillance (later, 1st Surveillance; 3d Attack; 3d Bombardment) Group, 1 Jul 1919 (attached to 3d Bombardment Wing, 13 Aug 1956–24 Oct 1957); 3d Bombardment Wing, 25 Oct 1957 (attached to 41st Air Division, 1 Sep 1963–7 Jan 1964); 41st Air Division, 8 Jan 1964 (attached to 405th Fighter Wing, 9–23 Apr 1964); Thirteenth Air Force, 24 Apr 1964 (attached to 405th Fighter Wing, 24 Apr–17 Nov 1964, and further attached to 34th Tactical Group, 5 Aug–3 Nov 1964); 405th Fighter Wing, 18 Nov 1964 (attached to 33d Tactical Group, 18–28 Jun 1965; 2d Air Division, 28 Jun–7 Jul 1965; 6252d Tactical Fighter Wing, 8 Jul–15 Aug 1965, 16 Oct–16 Dec 1965 and 15 Feb–7 Apr 1966; 35th Tactical Fighter Wing, 8–18 Apr 1966, 15 Jun–15 Aug 1966, 12 Oct–12 Dec 1966, 11 Feb–12 Apr 1967, 7 Jun–2 Aug 1967, and 26 Sep–21 Nov 1967); 35th Tactical Fighter Wing, 15 Jan 1968 (attached to 405th Fighter Wing, 15–17 Jan 1968); 3d Tactical Fighter Wing, 15 Nov 1969; 35th Tactical Fighter Wing, 30 Sep 1970 (attached to 315th Tactical Airlift Wing, 16–30 Jul 1971); 315th Tactical Airlift Wing, 31 Jul 1971; 377th Air Base Group (later, 377th Air Base Wing), 15 Jan 1972 (attached to 6251st Air Base Squadron, 1–14 Sep 1972; Detachment 2, 377th Air Base Wing, 15–30 Sep 1972); 405th Fighter Wing, 1 Oct 1972; 1st Special Operations (later, 834th Tactical Composite; 1st Special Operations) Wing, 1 Jul 1974; 1st Special Operations (later 16th Operations) Group, 22 Sep 1992–.

Stations

Camp Kelly, TX, 21 Jun 1917; Selfridge Field, MI, 8 Jul 1917; Garden City, NY, 28 Oct–22 Nov 1917; Winchester, England, 8 Dec 1917; Dartford, England, c. 24 Dec 1917 (detachments at Thetford, Wyton, and Northolt, England); Thetford, England, 1 May–11 Jul 1918; Amanty, France, 30 Jul 1918; Ourches, France, 31 Aug 1918; Toul, France, 29 Sep 1918; Saizerais, France, 23 Oct 1918; Colombey-les-Belles, France, 11 Feb 1919; Fargues-St Hilaire, France, 22 Feb–18 Apr 1919; Mitchel Field, NY, 3 May 1919; Kelly Field, TX, 25 May 1919 (flight at McAllen, TX, after 25 Jul 1919); McAllen, TX, 13 Aug 1919 (flight operated from Laredo, TX, 15 Aug 1919–3 Aug 1920, and from Pope Field, NC, after 13 Aug 1920; detachment of flight operated from Laredo, TX, after 3 Aug 1920); Kelly Field, TX, 2 Jul 1921 (flight at Pope Field, NC, to 26 Nov 1921); Ft Crockett, TX, 30 Jun 1926; Barksdale Field, LA, 27 Feb 1935; Savannah, GA, 8 Oct 1940–19 Jan

1942; Brisbane, Australia, 25 Feb 1942; Charters Towers, Australia, c. 17 Mar 1942; Port Moresby, New Guinea, 31 Mar 1942; Charters Towers, Australia, c. 9 May 1942; Port Moresby, New Guinea, 28 Jan 1943; Dobodura, New Guinea, c. 10 Apr 1943; Nadzab, New Guinea, 1 Feb 1944; Hollandia, New Guinea, 16 May 1944; Dulag, Leyte, 15 Nov 1944; San Jose, Mindoro, c. 30 Dec 1944; Okinawa, c. 7 Aug 1945; Atsugi, Japan, c. 26 Oct 1945; Yokota AB, Japan, c. 20 Aug 1946; Johnson AB, Japan, 14 Mar 1950; Iwakuni, Japan, 1 Jul 1950; Kunsan AB, South Korea, 18 Aug 1951; Johnson AB, Japan, 5 Oct 1954; Yokota AB, Japan, 17 Nov 1960 (deployed at Clark AB, Philippines, 9–23 Apr 1964); Clark AB, Philippines, 24 Apr 1964 (deployed at Bien Hoa AB, South Vietnam, 5 Aug–3 Nov 1964; Tan Son Nhut AB, South Vietnam, 18–28 Jun 1965; Da Nang AB, South Vietnam, 28 Jun–15 Aug 1965, 16 Oct–16 Dec 1965, 15 Feb–18 Apr 1966, and 15 Jun–15 Aug 1966; Phan Rang AB, South Vietnam, 12 Oct–12 Dec 1966, 11 Feb–12 Apr 1967, 7 Jun–2 Aug 1967, and 26 Sep–22 Nov 1967); Phan Rang AB, South Vietnam, 17 Jan 1968; Bien Hoa AB, South Vietnam, 15 Nov 1969; Clark AB, Philippines, 1 Oct 1972–1 Mar 1974; Eglin Air Force Auxiliary Field No. 9 (Hurlburt Field) FL, 1 Mar 1974–.

Aircraft

DH–4, 1918–1919, 1919–1926; GAX (GA–1), 1923; O–2, 1926–1928; in addition to A–3, 1928–1934, and A–12, 1934–1936, included A–8 and O–19 during period 1932–1936; in addition to A–17, 1936–1940, and B–18, 1939–1941, included A–18 during period 1937–1941; A–24, 1941, 1942; A–20, 1941, 1942–1943, 1943–1945; B–25, 1943; A–26 (later designated B–26), 1945–1956; B–57, 1956–1969; A–37, 1969–1972; C/MC–130, 1974–.

Operations

Combat as corps observation unit with IV and VI Army Corps, c. 25 Aug–11 Nov 1918. Mexican border patrol, Aug 1919–Jun 1921. Antisubmarine patrols, Dec 1941–Jan 1942; Combat in Southwest and Western Pacific, 1 Apr–29 Jul 1942 and 24 May 1943–12 Aug 1945; Korea, 27 Jun 1950–27 Jul 1953; Southeast Asia, Apr 1964–Sep 1972. Participated in Iranian hostage rescue attempt, Apr 1980. Combat in Grenada, 24 Oct–3 Nov 1983; Panama, 20 Dec 1989–14 Jan 1990; Southwest Asia, 16 Jan–17 Mar 1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War I: Lorraine; St Mihiel. World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater; East Indies; Air Offensive, Japan; Papua; New Guinea; Bismarck Archipelago; Western Pacific; Leyte; Luzon; Southern Philippines. Korea: UN Defensive; UN Offensive: CCF Intervention; First UN Counteroffensive; CCF Spring Offensive; UN Summer-Fall Offensive; Second Korean Winter; Korea Summer-Fall, 1952; Third Korean Winter; Korea, Summer 1953. Vietnam: Vietnam Advisory; Vietnam Defensive; Vietnam Air; Vietnam Air Offensive; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air/Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; TET 69/Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer-Fall, 1969; Vietnam Winter-Spring, 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon; Commando Hunt V; Commando Hunt VI; Commando Hunt VII; Vietnam Ceasefire. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Panama, 1989–1990.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Papua, 23–[29 Jul 1942]; New Guinea, 17 Aug 1943; Korea, 27 Jun–31 Jul 1950; Korea, 22 Apr–8 Jul 1951; Korea, 1 May–27 Jul 1953. Presidential Unit Citations (Southeast Asia): [12 Oct–12 Dec 1966 and 11 Feb–10 Apr 1967]; 6 Jun 1967–18 Jan 1968; 15 Nov 1968–31 May 1969. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat “V” Device: 19 Feb 1965–19 Feb 1966; [8 Jul–15 Aug 1965, 16 Oct–16 Dec 1965, 15 Feb–18 Apr 1966, and 15 Jun–15 Aug 1966]; [2 Apr–12 Apr 1967 and 7 Jun–2 Aug 1967]; [26 Sep–21 Nov 1967 and 15 Jan–2 May 1968]; 1 Oct 1968–13 Apr 1969; 14 Apr–15 Nov 1969; [15] Nov 1969–20 Jan 1970; 21 Jan–1 Sep 1970; 1 Dec 1970–25 Jun 1971; 21 Aug–6 Dec 1971; 5 Apr–7 Jul 1972; 8 Jul–1 Oct 1972; 1 May 1982–30 Apr 1984. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jun 1958–30 Jun 1960; 1 Jul 1960–31 Mar 1962; 5 Aug 1964–31 Mar 1965; 1 Jan 1976–31 Mar 1977; 15 Jul 1979–15 May 1980; 16 May 1980–30 Apr 1982; 1 May 1985–30 Apr 1987; 1 May 1988–30 Apr 1990. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII). Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation: 27 Jun–31 Jul 1950. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 7 Nov 1969–30 Nov 1970.

Emblem

On a Yellow disc within a Blue band, edged with a narrow White border, a stylized climbing bird, which is entirely Black. *MOTTO*: BLACK BIRDS. Approved on 19 Jul 1993; replaced emblems approved on 21 Jun 1954 (KE 8387) and 14 Feb 1924 (8401 A.C.).



9th Air Refueling Squadron

Constituted 9th Photographic Squadron on 19 Jan 1942. Activated on 1 Feb 1942. Redesignated: 9th Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron on 9 Jun 1942; 9th Photographic Squadron (Light) on 6 Feb 1943; 9th Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron on 13 Nov 1943. Inactivated on 4 Dec 1945. Consolidated (19 Sep 1985) with the 9th Air Refueling Squadron, Medium, which was constituted on 24 Jul 1951. Activated on 1 Aug 1951. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 15 Dec 1965. Redesignated 9th Air Refueling Squadron, Heavy, on 12 Dec 1969. Activated on 1 Jan 1970. Inactivated on 27 Jan 1982. Activated on 1 Aug 1982. Redesignated 9th Air Refueling Squadron on 1 Sep 1991.

Assignments

First Air Force, 1 Feb 1942; Tenth Air Force, 29 Mar 1942 (flight attached to Fourteenth Air Force, 10 Mar–12 Jul 1943); Army Air Forces, India-Burma Sector, 30 Oct 1943 (attached to 5306th Photographic and Reconnaissance Group [Provisional], 30 Oct 1943–17 Jan 1944, and to Tenth Air Force, 17 Jan–6 Mar 1944); Tenth Air Force, 7 Mar 1944; 8th Photographic (later, 8th Reconnaissance) Group, 25 Apr 1944; Army Air Forces, India-Burma Theater, c. Oct–4 Dec 1945. 9th Bombardment Group, 1 Aug 1951 (attached to 43d Bombardment Wing, 1 Aug–3 Sep 1951; 36th Air Division, 4 Sep 1951–14 Jan 1952; 303d Bombardment Wing, 15 Jan 1952–); 9th Bombardment (later, 9th Strategic Aerospace) Wing, 16 Jun 1952–15 Dec 1965 (remained attached to 303d Bombardment Wing, to 30 Apr 1953; attached to 5th Air Division, 18 Apr–16 Jul 1955; SAC Liaison Team, 2 May–1 Jul 1956). 456th Strategic Aerospace (later, 456th Bombardment) Wing, 1 Jan 1970; 17th Bombardment Wing, 30 Sep 1975; 100th Air Refueling Wing, 30 Sep 1976–27 Jan 1982. 22d Bombardment (later, 22d Air Refueling) Wing, 1 Aug 1982; 22d Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991; 722d Operations Group, 1 Jan 1994; 60th Operations Group, 1 Sep 1994–.

Stations

Mitchel Field, NY, 1 Feb 1942; Bradley Field, CT, 10 Mar 1942; Felts Field, WA, 16 Apr–18 May 1942; Karachi, India, 24 Jul 1942 (flight at Kunming, China, Nov 1942–12 Jul 1943, with detachment thereof operating from Kweilin, China, c. Feb–12 Jul 1943); Chakulia, India, 30 Nov 1942 (detachment operated from Dinjan, India, 18 Mar–Jul 1943); Pandaveswar, India, 3 Jan 1943 (detachment operated from Dinjan, India, c. Sep 1943–20 May 1944); Barrackpore, India, 29 Oct 1943 (detachment operated from Tingkaw Sakan, Burma, 16 Aug–30 Nov 1944, and from Myitkyina, Burma, 27 Nov–c. 5 Dec 1944; another detachment operated from Chittagong, India, c. 9 Oct–21 Dec 1944); Myitkyina, Burma, c. 5 Dec 1944; Piardoba, India, c. 1 May 1945; Malir, India, c. Oct–c. 14 Nov 1945; Camp Kilmer, NJ, 3–4 Dec 1945. Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ, 1 Aug 1951; Mountain Home AFB, ID, 1 May 1953–15 Dec 1965 (deployed at Benguerir AB, French Morocco, 18 Apr–16 Jul 1955; Elmendorf AFB, AK, 2 May–1 Jul 1956). Beale AFB, CA, 1 Jan 1970–27 Jan 1982. March AFB, CA, 1 Aug 1982; Travis AFB, CA, 1 Sep 1994–.

Aircraft

In addition to F–4, 1942–1944, and F–5, 1943–1945, included B–25, 1943–1945. KB–29, 1951–1954; KC–97, 1954–1965. KC–135, 1970–1982. KC–10, 1982–.

Operations

Combat photo reconnaissance in CBI Theater, 1 Dec 1942–14 Apr 1945. Worldwide air refueling, Aug 1951–Dec 1965, Jan 1970–Jan 1982, and Aug 1982–, including support during the rescue of US nationals in Grenada in 1983, support for deployments to Southwest Asia, 1990–1991, and humanitarian airlift missions to Somalia in support of Operation Restore Hope, 1992–1993.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: New Guinea; Central Pacific; India-Burma; Central Burma; China Defensive.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jan 1957–31 Jan 1958; 1 Aug 1982–30 Jun 1983; 1 Jul 1987–30 Jun 1989; 1 Jul 1989–30 Jun 1991.

Emblem

On a Blue disc edged with a narrow Blue border fimbriated Red, a Red elliptical globe, rimmed and grid lined White. Issuing from the rim in sinister and arced to form the figure 9, a spiralling White contrail terminating below a Red and White ascending flight symbol. *MOTTO*: UNIVERSAL. Approved on 19 Jul 1971 (KE 42628); replaced emblem approved on 2 Dec 1954 (K 8810).



9th Airlift Squadron

Constituted 9th Transport Squadron on 1 Jan 1938. Activated on 1 Dec 1940. Redesignated 9th Troop Carrier Squadron on 4 Jul 1942. Inactivated on 15 Oct 1946. Redesignated 9th Troop Carrier Squadron, Medium, on 10 May 1949. Activated in the Reserve on 27 Jun 1949. Ordered to active service on 1 May 1951. Inactivated on 9 May 1951. Redesignated 9th Troop Carrier Squadron, Heavy, on 19 Mar 1953. Activated on 20 Jun 1953. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 18 Jan 1963. Activated on 13 Nov 1964. Organized on 1 Jan 1965. Redesignated 9th Military Airlift Squadron on 8 Jan 1966. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 8 Sep 1968. Activated on 1 Apr 1971. Redesignated 9th Airlift Squadron on 1 Dec 1991.

Assignments

63d Transport (later, 63d Troop Carrier) Group, 1 Dec 1940; Seventh Air Force, 3 Feb 1944; VI Air Service Area Command, 25 Jul 1945; Army Air Forces, Middle Pacific, 15 Dec 1945; Pacific Air Command, 1 Jan 1946; Far East Air Service Command, 9 Jan 1946; 54th Troop Carrier Wing, 15 Jan 1946; 374th Troop Carrier Group, c. Feb 1946; 54th Troop Carrier Wing, 15 May 1946; 403d Troop Carrier Group, 31 May–15 Oct 1946. 63d Troop Carrier Group, 27 Jun 1949–9 May 1951. 63d Troop Carrier Group, 20 Jun 1953–18 Jan 1963. Military Air Transport Service, 13 Nov 1964; 1607th Air Transport Wing, 1 Jan 1965; 436th Military Airlift Wing, 8 Jan 1966–8 Sep 1968. 436th Military Airlift Wing, 1 Apr 1971; 436th Operations Group, 1 Dec 1991–.

Stations

Patterson Field, OH, 1 Dec 1940; Brookley Field, AL, 18 Sep 1941; Camp Williams, WI, 24 May 1942; Dodd Field, TX, c. 18 Sep 1942; Stuttgart, AR, 11 Nov 1942; Victorville, CA, 18 Dec 1942; Ft Sumner AAFld, NM, 4 Mar 1943; Lawson Field, GA, 7 May 1943; Grenada AAFld, MS, c. 3 Jun 1943–17 Jan 1944; Hickam Field, TH, 21 Feb 1944; Abemama Island, 27 Mar 1944; Saipan, 4 Aug 1944; Guam, Jul–15 Oct 1946. Floyd Bennett NAS, NY, 27 Jun 1949–9 May 1951. Altus AFB, OK, 20 Jun 1953; Donaldson AFB, SC, 15 Oct 1953–18 Jan 1963. Dover AFB, DE, 1 Jan 1965–8 Sep 1968. Dover AFB, DE, 1 Apr 1971–.

Aircraft

C–34, 1940–1941; C–33, 1940–1941; C–39, 1940–1941; C–50, 1942; C–53, 1942–1943; C–47, 1942–1946; C–46, 1945–1946; C–54, 1946. C–47, 1949–1951. C–124, 1953–1963. C–124, 1965–1966; C–141, 1966–1968. C–5, 1971–.

Operations

Replacement training, 1943, and subsequently aerial transportation in Central, Western, and Southwestern Pacific, during World War II. Worldwide airlift beginning in 1953. Resupply of scientific camps in Antarctica, 1959–1961, and 1965–1968. Missions to Southeast Asia, 1965–1968, and 1972–1973. Evacuation of refugees from Southeast Asia, Apr 1975. Supported operations in Grenada, 24 Oct–11 Dec 1983; Panama, 19 Dec 1989–14 Jan 1990; and Southwest Asia, Aug 1990–Jul 1991.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Japan; New Guinea; Eastern Mandates; Bismark Archipelago; Western Pacific; Leyte; Ryukyus.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 2 Mar–31 May 1955; 1 Jul 1957–10 Dec 1962; 18 Sep–15 Dec 1960; 9 Sep–13 Dec 1961; 13 Nov–18 Dec 1967; 1 Jan–8 Sep 1968; 1 Sep 1971–30 Jun 1972; 13 Oct–14 Nov 1973; 1 Jan 1974–30 Apr 1975; 1 May 1975–31 May 1976; 1 Jun 1976–31 May 1978; 1 Jun 1978–31 May 1979; 1 Jun 1981–31 May 1982; 1 Jun 1982–31 May 1984. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 1 Apr 1966–[8 Sep 1968]; [8 Apr 1971]–28 Jan 1973.

Emblem

On a Light Blue disc, bordered Black, a stylized White pelican, beak and feet Orange, holding a group of paratroopers in silhouette Black in the bowl of the beak. Approved on 10 Feb 1943 (K 2894).



9th Bomb Squadron

Organized as 9th Aero Squadron on 14 Jun 1917. Redesignated 9th Squadron on 14 Mar 1921. Inactivated on 29 Jun 1922. Redesignated: 9th Observation Squadron on 25 Jan 1923; 9th Bombardment Squadron on 24 Mar 1923. Activated on 1 Apr 1931. Redesignated: 9th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 6 Dec 1939; 9th Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, on 13 Jul 1943. Inactivated on 6 Jan 1946. Redesignated 9th Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, and activated, on 1 Oct 1946. Redesignated 9th Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, on 20 Jul 1948. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 25 Jun 1968. Redesignated 9th Bombardment Squadron, Medium, on 28 Jan 1969. Activated on 2 Jul 1969. Redesignated: 9th Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, on 31 Dec 1971; 9th Bomb Squadron on 1 Sep 1991. Inactivated on 15 Aug 1992. Activated on 1 Oct 1993.

Assignments

Unkn, 14 Jun 1917–Sep 1918; 1st Army Observation Group, 6 Sep 1918; 3d Army Air Service, c. 21 Nov 1918; unkn, 12 May–Jul 1919; Western Department, Jul 1919; Ninth Corps Area, 20 Aug 1920–29 Jun 1922. 7th Bombardment Group, 1 Apr 1931–6 Jan 1946 (attached to United States Army Middle East Air Force for operations, 28 Jun–c. 4 Oct 1942). 7th Bombardment Group, 1 Oct 1946 (attached to 7th Bombardment Wing, 16 Feb 1951–15 Jun 1952); 7th Bombardment Wing, 16 Jun 1952–25 Jun 1968. 340th Bombardment Group, 2 Jul 1969; 7th Bombardment Wing, 31 Dec 1971; 7th Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991–15 Aug 1992. 7th Operations Group, 1 Oct 1993–.

Stations

Camp Kelly, TX, 14 Jun 1917; Selfridge Field, MI, 8 Jul 1917; Garden City, NY, 28 Oct–22 Nov 1917; Winchester, England, c. 8 Dec 1917; Grantham, England, c. 28 Dec 1917–7 Aug 1918; Colombey-les-Belles, France, 23 Aug 1918; Amanty, France, 28 Aug 1918; Vavincourt, France, 21 Sep 1918; Preutim, France, 21 Nov 1918; Trier, Germany, 5 Dec 1918; Colombey-les-Belles, France, 18 May 1919; Marseilles, France, 25 May–7 Jun 1919; Park Field, TN, 12 Jul 1919; March Field, CA, 22 Jul 1919; Rockwell Field, CA, 2 Aug 1919 (flight operated from Calexico, CA, to Apr 1920); March Field, CA, 15 Nov 1919; Rockwell Field, CA, 11 Dec 1919; Mather Field, CA, 27 Apr 1920–29 Jun 1922. March Field, CA, 1 Apr 1931; Hamilton Field, CA, 5 Dec 1934; Fort Douglas, UT, 7 Sep 1940; Salt Lake City, UT, 13 Jan–13 Nov 1941; Brisbane, Australia, 22 Dec 1941–4 Feb 1942 (ground echelon); (air echelon operated from Singosari, Java, 13–19 Jan 1942 and Jogjakarta, Java, 19 Jan–c. 1 Mar 1942); Karachi, India, c. 8 Mar 1942 (air echelon), 14 Mar 1942 (ground echelon); Allahabad, India (air echelon at Baumrauli, India), 27 Apr–29 Jun 1942; Lydda, Palestine, 2 Jul–4 Oct 1942; Karachi, India, 5 Oct 1942 (operated from Gaya, India, 14 Nov–12 Dec 1942); Pandaveswar, India, 12 Dec 1942; Kurmitola, India, 11 Jun 1944; Pandaveswar, India, 1 Oct 1944; Tezpur, India, 1 Jun–7 Dec 1945; Camp Kilmer, NJ, 5–6 Jan 1946. Fort Worth AAFld (later, Griffis AFB; Carswell AFB), TX, 1 Oct 1946–25 Jun 1968. Carswell AFB, TX, 2 Jul 1969–15 Aug 1992. Dyess AFB, TX, 1 Oct 1993–.

Aircraft

Sopwith Camel, 1917; Sopwith Scout, 1917; Breguet 14, 1918–1919; DH–4, 1918–1922; Sopwith FE–2, 1918–1919; several German airplanes, including

LVG C VI, Fokker D VII, Pfalz D XII, DFW C V, Halberstadt C IV and V, Rumpler C, and Hannover C L III, 1919. O–19, O–38, B–3, and B–4 during period 1931–1934; B–12, 1934–1937; B–10, 1935–1938; OA–4, 1937; B–18, 1937–1941; B–17, 1940–1942; LB–30, 1942; B–24, 1942–1945. B–29, 1946–1948; B–36, 1948–1958; B–52, 1958–1968. FB–111, 1969–1971; B–52, 1971–1992.

Operations

Combat with First Army as observation unit specializing in night reconnaissance, 2 Sep–11 Nov 1918, and subsequently served with Third Army as part of occupation forces until May 1919. Mexican border patrol, Aug 1919–Apr 1920 and c. Jan–Jul 1921. Antisubmarine patrols off California coast, 8–c. 12 Dec 1941. Combat in Southwest Pacific, c. 13 Jan–c. 1 Mar 1942; CBI, 2 Apr–4 Jun 1942, 22 Nov 1942–10 Jun 1944, and 19 Oct 1944–10 May 1945; and MTO, c. 4 Jul–1 Oct 1942; transportation of gasoline to forward bases in China, 20 Jun–30 Sep 1944 and Jun–Sep 1945. Deployed B–52s and aircrews for combat in Southeast Asia, Jun–Nov 1965.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War I: Lorraine; St. Mihiel; Meuse-Argonne. World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater; Philippine Islands; East Indies; Egypt-Libya; Burma; India-Burma; China Defensive; Central Burma; China Offensive.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Netherlands Indies, 14 Jan–1 Mar 1942; Thailand, 19 Mar 1945. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 18 Jun–1 Dec 1965; 1 Jul 1976–30 Jun 1977; 1 Jul 1985–30 Jun 1987. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII).

Emblem

On a disc abased divided per fess (debased) Gray and Black, on Gray portion three piles arranged to form the Roman numeral IX in White. Approved on 26 Jul 1932, based on World War I emblem (K 2662).



9th Fighter Squadron

Constituted 9th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) on 20 Nov 1940. Activated on 15 Jan 1941. Redesignated: 9th Fighter Squadron on 15 May 1942; 9th Fighter Squadron, Twin Engine, on 25 Jan 1943; 9th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 19 Feb 1944; 9th Fighter Squadron, Two Engine, on 6 Nov 1944; 9th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 8 Jan 1946; 9th Fighter Squadron, Jet Propelled, on 1 May 1948; 9th Fighter Squadron, Jet, on 10 Aug 1948; 9th Fighter-Bomber Squadron on 1 Feb 1950; 9th Tactical Fighter Squadron on 8 Jul 1958; 9th Fighter Squadron on 1 Nov 1991.

Assignments

49th Pursuit (later, 49th Fighter; 49th Fighter-Bomber) Group, 15 Jan 1941 (attached to Japan Air Defense Force, 17 Dec 1952–Nov 1953; 49th Fighter-Bomber Wing, 17 Aug–c. 6 Sep 1950 and 15 Apr–9 Dec 1957); 49th Fighter-Bomber (later, 49th Tactical Fighter; 49th Fighter) Wing, 10 Dec 1957 (attached to 36th Tactical Fighter Wing, c. 12 Sep–c. 11 Oct 1970; 50th Tactical Fighter Wing, 9 Sep–7 Oct 1971; 36th Tactical Fighter Wing, 4 Feb–15 Mar 1973 and 6 Sep–7 Oct 1975; 50th Tactical Fighter Wing, 22 Sep–21 Oct 1976; 86th Tactical Fighter Wing, 10 Sep–10 Oct 1977); 49th Operations Group, 15 Nov 1991–.

Stations

Selfridge Field, MI, 15 Jan 1941; Morrison Field, FL, 22 May 1941–4 Jan 1942; Melbourne, Australia, 2 Feb 1942; Williamstown, Australia, 14 Feb 1942; Darwin, Australia, 17 Mar 1942; Port Moresby, New Guinea, c. 10 Oct 1942; Dobodura, New Guinea, 6 Mar 1943; Gusap, New Guinea, 16 Dec 1943; Hollandia, New Guinea, 16 May 1944; Biak, 26 Jun 1944; Tacloban, Leyte, 24 Oct 1944; San Jose, Mindoro, 30 Dec 1944; Lingayen, Luzon, 26 Feb 1945; Okinawa, 16 Aug 1945; Atsugi, Japan, 15 Sep 1945; Chitose AB, Japan, 17 Feb 1946; Misawa AB, Japan, 26 Mar 1948; Itazuke AB, Japan, 27 Jun 1950; Misawa AB, Japan, c. 15 Aug 1950; Itazuke AB, Japan, 17 Sep 1950; Taegu AB, South Korea, c. 30 Sep 1950; Komaki AB, Japan, Dec 1952–10 Dec 1957; Etain/Rouvres AB, France, 10 Dec 1957; Spangdahlem AB, Germany, 25 Aug 1959–15 Jul 1968; Holloman AFB, NM, 15 Jul 1968– (deployed at Bitburg AB, Germany, c. 12 Sep–c. 11 Oct 1970; Hahn AB, Germany, 9 Sep–7 Oct 1971; Takhli RTAFB, Thailand, 13 May–5 Oct 1972; Bitburg AB, Germany, 4 Feb–15 Mar 1973 and 6 Sep–7 Oct 1975; Hahn AB, Germany, 22 Sep–21 Oct 1976; Ramstein AB, Germany, 10 Sep–10 Oct 1977).

Aircraft

P–35, 1941; P–40, 1941–1943; P–47, 1943–1944; P–38, 1943, 1944–1946; P–51, 1946–1948, 1949–1950; F–80, 1948–1951; F–84, 1951–1957; F–100, 1957–1962; F–105, 1962–1967; F–4, 1967–1978, 1992–; F–15, 1978–1992.

Operations

Combat in Southwest Pacific, 18 Mar 1942–5 Aug 1945. Combat in Korea, 27 Jun 1950–Dec 1952. Combat in Southeast Asia, c. 13 May–2 Oct 1972. Portions of squadron deployed to Southwest Asia to fly combat air patrol for

Coalition operations, 20 Jun–5 Dec 1991. F–4 training for German Air Force pilots, Jul 1992–.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: East Indies; Air Offensive, Japan; China Defensive; Papua; New Guinea; Bismarck Archipelago; Western Pacific; Leyte; Luzon; Southern Philippines; China Offensive. Korea: UN Defensive; UN Offensive; CCF Intervention; First UN Counteroffensive; CCF Spring Offensive; UN Summer-Fall Offensive; Second Korean Winter; Korea Summer-Fall, 1952; Third Korean Winter. Vietnam: Vietnam Ceasefire.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Australia, [18] Mar–25 Aug 1942; Papua, [c. 15 Oct] 1942–23 Jan 1943; New Britain, 23 Oct–7 Nov 1943; Philippine Islands, 27 Oct–7 Dec 1944; Korea, 27 Jun–25 Nov 1950; Korea, 9 Jul–27 Nov 1951. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat “V” Device: 5 May 1972–6 Oct 1972. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Mar 1964–28 Feb 1966; 1 Mar 1966–30 Jun 1967; 1 Jan 1971–15 Apr 1972. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII). Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citations: 27 Jun 1950–7 Feb 1951; 8 Feb 1951–31 Mar 1953. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 10 May–5 Oct 1972.

Emblem

On a disc Ultramarine Blue, border Black, a Red bend surmounted by a White, winged, knight’s helmet, facing to dexter. Approved on 24 Jan 1946 (K 7064).



9th Special Operations Squadron

Constituted 39th Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, on 28 Mar 1944. Activated on 1 Apr 1944. Inactivated on 18 Oct 1948. Redesignated 39th Bombardment Squadron, Medium, on 20 Dec 1950. Activated on 2 Jan 1951. Redesignated 39th Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, on 16 Jun 1952. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 15 Sep 1963. Consolidated (19 Sep 1985) with the 9th Air Commando Squadron (Psychological Operations), which was constituted, and activated, on 9 Jan 1967. Organized on 25 Jan 1967. Redesignated 9th Special Operations Squadron on 1 Aug 1968. Inactivated on 29 Feb 1972. Activated on 1 Mar 1988.

Assignments

6th Bombardment Group, 1 Apr 1944–18 Oct 1948. 6th Bombardment Group, 2 Jan 1951; 6th Bombardment (later, 6th Strategic Aerospace) Wing, 16 Jun 1952–15 Sep 1963. Pacific Air Forces, 9 Jan 1967; 14th Air Commando (later, 14th Special Operations) Wing, 25 Jan 1967; 315th Tactical Airlift Wing, 30 Sep 1971–29 Feb 1972. 39th Special Operations Wing, 1 Mar 1988; 1st Special Operations Wing, 18 Apr 1989; 1st Special Operations (later, 16th Operations) Group, 22 Sep 1992–.

Stations

Dalhart AAFld, TX, 1 Apr 1944; Grand Island AAFld, NE, 26 May–18 Nov 1944; North Field, Tinian, 28 Dec 1944; Clark Field, Luzon, 13 Mar 1946; Kadena AB, Okinawa, 1 Jun 1947–18 Oct 1948. Walker AFB, NM, 2 Jan 1951–15 Sep 1963. Pleiku AB, South Vietnam, 25 Jan 1967; Nha Trang AB, South Vietnam, 1 Sep 1967; Tuy Hoa AB, South Vietnam, 5 Sep 1969; Phan Rang AB, South Vietnam, 15 Aug 1970–29 Feb 1972. Eglin AFB, FL, 1 Mar 1988–.

Aircraft

B–17, 1944; B–29, 1944–1947. B–29, 1951–1952; B–36, 1952–1957; B–52, 1957–1963. C–47, 1967–1972; U–10, 1967; O–2, 1967–1972. HC–130, 1988–.

Operations

Combat in Western Pacific, 27 Jan–14 Aug 1945. No personnel assigned, 25 Apr 1947–18 Oct 1948. While retaining combat capability, trained B–52 crews for Strategic Air Command 15 Jul 1959–Sep 1963. Combat in Southeast Asia, Mar 1967–Jan 1972. Trained for special operations, refueling and resupply missions using modified C–130 aircraft, 1988–. Combat in Panama, 20 Dec 1989–14 Jan 1990 and Southwest Asia, 16 Jan–5 Apr 1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Eastern Mandates; Western Pacific; Air Offensive, Japan. Vietnam: Vietnam Air Offensive; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air/Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; TET 69/Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer-Fall, 1969; Vietnam Winter-Spring, 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon; Commando

Hunt V; Commando Hunt VI; Commando Hunt VII. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Panama, 1989–1990.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Tokyo, Japan, 25 May 1945; Japanese Empire, 9–19 Jul 1945. Presidential Unit Citations: Vietnam, 1–7 Mar 1967; Vietnam, 21 Jun 1968–30 Jun 1969. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat “V” device: 16 Jun 1967–20 Jun 1968; 1 Jul 1970–30 Jun 1971. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 May 1960–31 May 1962; 1 May 1988–30 Apr 1990; 16 Apr 1992–15 Apr 1994. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Crosses with Palm: [Mar] 1967–1 Aug 1968; 16 Jun 1967–[9 Jan] 1972; 1 Jan–30 Aug 1968; 5 Oct 1971–[9] Jan 1972.

Emblem

On an Ultramarine Azure disc bordered with Air Force Or, an Argent snow owl clutches a Gules commando knife. An Argent crescent moon on the sinister side of the disc is in the background. *MOTTO*: NIGHT WINGS. Approved on 7 Jul 1988 (DFSC 88–08490); replaced emblems approved on 7 Mar 1969 (KE 34397) and 11 Apr 1961 (K 12339).



10th Flight Test Squadron

Constituted 10th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) on 20 Nov 1940. Activated on 15 Jan 1941. Redesignated: 10th Fighter Squadron on 15 May 1942; 10th Fighter Squadron (Special) on 28 May 1942; 10th Fighter Squadron (Single Engine) on 21 Jan 1944; 10th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 28 Feb 1944. Inactivated on 7 Nov 1945. Redesignated 10th Fighter Squadron, Jet, on 16 Dec 1949. Activated in the Reserve on 28 Jan 1950. Redesignated: 10th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron on 16 Mar 1950; 10th Fighter-Bomber Squadron on 23 Jan 1951. Ordered to active service on 14 Apr 1951. Inactivated on 27 Apr 1951. Activated on 1 Jan 1953. Redesignated 10th Tactical Fighter Squadron on 8 Jul 1958. Inactivated on 30 Sep 1991. Redesignated 10th Flight Test Squadron on 1 Mar 1994. Activated on 18 Mar 1994.

Assignments

50th Pursuit (later, 50th Fighter) Group, 15 Jan 1941–7 Nov 1945. Ninth Air Force, 28 Jan 1950, First Air Force, 1 Aug 1950; Eastern Air Defense Force, 1 Sep 1950; Tactical Air Command, 11 Sep–27 Apr 1951 (attached to 363d Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, 11 Sep–18 Oct 1950; 363d Tactical Reconnaissance Group, 19–30 Nov 1950; 136th Fighter-Bomber Wing, 1 Dec 1950–unkn). 50th Fighter-Bomber Group, 1 Jan 1953; 50th Fighter-Bomber (later, 50th Tactical Fighter) Wing, 8 Dec 1957–30 Sep 1991 (attached to Tactical Fighter Wing Provisional, 363d, 28 Dec 1990–10 May 1991). Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center, 18 Mar 1994–.

Stations

Selfridge Field, MI, 15 Jan 1941; Key Field, MS, 3 Oct 1941; Orlando AB, FL, 18 Mar 1942; Zephyrhills, FL, 4 Jan 1943; Orlando AB, FL, 29 Jan–13 Mar 1944; Lymington, England, 5 Apr 1944; Carentan, France, 25 Jun 1944; Meautis, France, 16 Aug 1944; Orly, France, 5 Sep 1944; Laon, France, 15 Sep 1944; Lyon/ Bron, France, 29 Sep 1944; Toul/Ochey, France, 3 Nov 1944; Giebelstadt, Germany, 20 Apr 1945; Mannheim, Germany, 21 May–c. 22 Jun 1945; La Junta AAFld, CO, 6 Aug–7 Nov 1945. Langley AFB, VA, 28 Jan 1950–27 Apr 1951. Clovis AFB, NM, 1 Jan–22 Jul 1953; Hahn AB, Germany, 11 Aug 1953; Toul/Rosieres AB, France, 10 Jul 1956; Hahn AB, Germany, 10 Dec 1959–30 Sep 1991 (operated from Al Dhafra, Saudi Arabia, 28 Dec 1990–10 May 1991). Tinker AFB, OK, 18 Mar 1994–.

Aircraft

BT–13, 1941–1942; P–35, 1941–1942; P–40, 1942–1943; P–51, 1943–1944; P–47, 1944–1945. F–51, 1953; F–86, 1953–1957; F–100, 1958–1966; F–4, 1966–1982; F–16, 1982–1991.

Operations

Conducted training in fighter tactics, 18 Mar 1942–28 Jan 1944; combat in ETO, 1 May 1944–7 May 1945. Combat in Southwest Asia, Jan–Feb 1991.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: ETO, 13–20 Mar 1945; Germany, 25 Apr 1945. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Nov 1970–15 Sep 1971; 1 Jan 1972–30 Jun 1973; 1 Jul 1973–30 Jun 1974; 1 Jul 1975–30 Jun 1976; 1 Jul 1982–30 Jun 1984; 1 Jul 1985–30 Jun 1987; 1 Jul 1990–5 Aug 1991. Cited in the Order of the Day, Belgian Army: 6 Jun–30 Sep 1944.

Emblem

Azure, a sword bendwise sinister point to base, blade Argent, hilt and tassels Or, grip Brown, winged pommel of the second enfiling the “bulls eye” of a paper target in base White with rings Sable and surmounted by a scroll fesswise Argent inscribed with musical notations Black; all within a diminished bordure of the last. Approved on 23 Jul 1953; modified in 1996.



10th Missile Squadron

Constituted 10th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 22 Dec 1939. Activated on 1 Feb 1940. Redesignated: 10th Bombardment Squadron (Medium) on 7 May 1942; 10th Bombardment Squadron, Medium, on 21 Sep 1943. Inactivated on 17 Jun 1944. Redesignated 10th Bombardment Squadron, Light, on 11 Mar 1947. Activated in the Reserve on 18 Jun 1947. Inactivated on 27 Jun 1949. Redesignated 10th Bombardment Squadron, Medium, on 7 Jun 1955. Activated on 1 Sep 1955. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 25 Jun 1961. Redesignated 10th Strategic Missile Squadron (ICBM-Minuteman), and activated, on 2 Aug 1961. Organized on 1 Dec 1961. Redesignated 10th Missile Squadron on 1 Sep 1991.

Assignments

25th Bombardment Group, 1 Feb 1940; VI Bomber Command, attached 13 Dec 1943, assigned 17 Dec 1943; Second Air Force, c. 9 May–17 Jun 1944. 341st Bombardment Group, 18 Jun 1947–27 Jun 1949. 341st Bombardment Wing, 1 Sep 1955–25 Jun 1961. Strategic Air Command, 2 Aug 1961; 341st Strategic Missile Wing, 1 Dec 1961; 341st Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991–.

Stations

Langley Field, VA, 1 Feb–26 Oct 1940; Borinquen Field, Puerto Rico, 1 Nov 1940; Edinburgh Field, Trinidad, c. 1 Nov 1942 (detachment operated from Port of Spain, Trinidad, 27 Aug–12 Oct 1943); Waller Field, Trinidad, 1 Oct 1943; France Field, Canal Zone, 11 Dec 1943–2 May 1944; Lincoln AAFld, NE, 25 May–17 Jun 1944. Westover Field (later, AFB), MA, 18 Jun 1947–27 Jun 1949. Abilene (later, Dyess) AFB, TX, 1 Sep 1955–25 Jun 1961 (deployed at Andersen AFB, Guam, 9 Jan–c. 3 Apr 1958). Malmstrom AFB, MT, 1 Dec 1961–.

Aircraft and Missiles

B–17, 1940; A–17, 1940–1941; B–18, 1940–1943; B–25, 1943–1944. AT–6, 1947–1949; AT–11, 1947–1949. B–47, 1956–1961. Minuteman I, 1962–1968; Minuteman II, 1968–.

Operations

Antisubmarine patrols and convoy escort in Caribbean during World War II. Missile alert operations, 1962–. SAC's first Minuteman missile squadron.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 22 Oct 1962–31 Dec 1963; 1 Jul 1975–30 Jun 1976; 1 Jul 1976–30 Jun 1977; 1 Jul 1979–30 Jun 1981; 1 Jul 1988–30 Jun 1990; 1 Jul 1990–30 Jun 1991; 1 Sep 1991–31 Aug 1993.

Emblem

On an Air Force Blue disc, an Air Force Golden Yellow demi lion rampant, shaded Golden Brown, his tongue Red, emerging from a hole, Dark Brown, rimmed Red; fimbriated White five (5) Red lightning flashes radiating upward from the hole, fimbriated White. *MOTTO*: THE FIRST ACE IN THE HOLE. Approved on 21 Jun 1963 (K 14273); replaced emblem approved on 27 Sep 1940 (8471 A.C.).



10th Space Warning Squadron

Constituted 10th Missile Warning Squadron on 10 Jul 1986. Activated on 1 Aug 1986.
Redesignated 10th Space Warning Squadron on 15 May 1992.

Assignments

1st Space Wing, 1 Aug 1986; 21st Operations Group, 15 May 1992–.

Stations

Cavalier AFS (later AS), ND, 1 Aug 1986–.

Aircraft

None.

Operations

Operated phased array radar to detect sea-launched and inter-continental ballistic missile attack against the US. Also provided surveillance, tracking, and space object identification for USAF Space Surveillance Network, 1986 to present.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award: 1 Oct 1988–30 Nov 1989.

Emblem

On a Blue disc, issuing from left base a Brittany Blue demi-sphere grid lined Black, from which extends two Yellow lightning bolts to a centered Silver Gray shield surrounded on the right side by three White satellites shaped like a circle, a four-pointed star, and a triangle respectively; all within a narrow Yellow border. *MOTTO*: INSTANT TO WATCHFUL INSTANT. Approved on 5 Nov 1987 (DFSC 88–01530).



11th Airlift Squadron

Constituted 11th Air Corps Ferrying Squadron on 18 Feb 1942. Activated on 16 Apr 1942. Redesignated 11th Ferrying Squadron on 12 May 1943. Disbanded on 1 Apr 1944. Reconstituted, and consolidated (19 Sep 1985) with the 11th Aeromedical Transport Squadron, Light, which was constituted on 18 Oct 1956. Activated on 8 Nov 1956. Redesignated: 11th Aeromedical Transport Squadron on 25 Jul 1964; 11th Aeromedical Airlift Squadron on 12 Jan 1966; 11th Airlift Squadron on 1 Oct 1993.

Assignments

Middle West Sector, Domestic Wing, AAF Ferrying Command (later, 5th Ferrying Group), 16 Apr 1942–1 Apr 1944. 1st Aeromedical Transport Group, 8 Nov 1956; 1405th Aeromedical Transport Wing, 8 Jun 1964; 375th Aeromedical Airlift (later, 375th Military Airlift) Wing, 12 Jan 1966; 375th Operations Group, 1 Dec 1991–.

Stations

Hensley Field, TX, 16 Apr 1942; Love Field, TX, 8 Sep 1942–1 Apr 1944. Scott AFB, IL, 8 Nov 1956–.

Aircraft

Unkn, 1942–1944. C–131, 1956–1970; C–118, 1956–1970; C–9, 1968–.

Operations

Ferried aircraft to modification centers and tactical units mostly within CONUS, Apr 1942–Mar 1944. Aeromedical airlift from 1956, including transport of wounded Afghan soldiers and civilians, 1986–1987.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 8 Nov 1956–31 Dec 1957; 1 Jan 1958–31 Dec 1963; 1 Jun 1964–7 Jan 1966; 8–31 Jan 1966; 19–20 Aug 1969; 20 Aug 1969–30 Jun 1971; 24 Jul 1975–23 Jul 1977; 1 Jul 1981–30 Jun 1983; 1 Jun 1986–31 Jul 1988.

Emblem

On a sphere Azure with axis bendwise, gridlines and bordure Argent, an equilateral triangle, point to chief, Gules, fimbriated of the second, surmounted by a winged rod of Aesculapius of the last. *MOTTO*: AEROMEDICAL EVACUATION. Approved on 8 May 1959 (KE 35621); replaced emblem approved on 7 Oct 1943 (K 2796).



11th Bomb Squadron

Organized as 11th Aero Squadron (Day Bombardment) on 26 Jun 1917. Redesignated: 11th Squadron (Bombardment) on 14 Mar 1921; 11th Bombardment Squadron on 25 Jan 1923. Inactivated on 31 Jul 1927. Activated on 1 Jun 1928. Redesignated: 11th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 6 Dec 1939; 11th Bombardment Squadron (Medium) on 15 Sep 1942; 11th Bombardment Squadron, Medium, on 9 Oct 1944. Inactivated on 2 Nov 1945. Consolidated (11 Jan 1982) with 11th Pilotless Bomber Squadron, Light, which was constituted on 17 Jun 1954. Activated on 1 Sep 1954. Redesignated 11th Tactical Missile Squadron on 8 Jun 1955. Inactivated on 18 Jun 1958. Activated on 1 Oct 1982. Inactivated on 31 May 1991. Redesignated 11th Bomb Squadron on 24 Jun 1994. Activated on 1 Jul 1994.

Assignments

Unkn, 26 Jun 1917–Sep 1918; 1st Day Bombardment Group, 10 Sep–Nov 1918; unkn, Nov 1918–17 Sep 1919; 1st Day Bombardment (later, 2d Bombardment) Group, 18 Sep 1919; Air Corps Training Center, 18–31 Jul 1927. 7th Bombardment Group, 1 Jun 1928 (attached to 17th Bombardment Group, 26 Apr–2 May 1942); 341st Bombardment Group, 15 Sep 1942–2 Nov 1945. Ninth Air Force, 1 Sep 1954; United States Air Forces in Europe, 1 Jul 1956 (attached to 7382d Guided Missile Group, 1 Jul–14 Sep 1956); 587th Tactical Missile Group, 15 Sep 1956–18 Jun 1958. 501st Tactical Missile Wing, 1 Oct 1982–31 May 1991. 2d Operations Group, 1 Jul 1994–.

Stations

Camp Kelly, TX, 26 Jun 1917; Scott Field, IL, 12 Aug–6 Dec 1917; Winchester, England, 1 Jan 1918; Stamford, England, 9 Jan 1918; Waddington, England, 24 Jun 1918; Winchester, England, 7 Aug 1918; Le Havre, France, 12 Aug 1918; St Maxient Aerodrome, France, 14 Aug 1918; Romorantin, France, 20 Aug 1918; Delouze, France, 26 Aug 1918; Amanty, France, 6 Sep 1918; Maulan, France, 24 Sep 1918; Colombey–les–Belles, France, 17 Jan 1919; Guitres, France, 1 Feb 1919; St Denis de Pile, France, 19 Feb 1919; Sablons, France, 9 Mar 1919; Libourne, France, 13 Apr 1919; Bordeaux, France, 16–21 Apr 1919; Camp Mills, NY, 1 May 1919; Mitchel Field, NY, 2 May 1919; Hazelhurst Field, NY, 5 May 1919; Ellington Field, TX, 26 May 1919; Ft Bliss, TX, 23 Jun 1919 (flight operated from Marfa, TX, c. Aug–c. 5 Nov 1919); Kelly Field, TX, 8 Nov 1919; Langley Field, VA, 30 Jun 1922; March Field, CA, 3 Jun–31 Jul 1927. Rockwell Field, CA, 1 Jun 1928; March Field, CA, 29 Oct 1931 (operated from Winslow, AZ, 17–21 Jan 1932); Hamilton Field, CA, 5 Dec 1934; Ft Douglas, UT, 7 Sep 1940; Salt Lake City, UT, c. 18 Jan–13 Nov 1941; Brisbane, Australia, 22 Dec 1941 (operated from Muroc, CA, 8–c. 12 Dec 1941, and Singosari, Java, 13–19 Jan 1942); Jogjakarta, Java, 19 Jan–c. 1 Mar 1942; Melbourne, Australia, c. 4 Mar–6 Apr 1942; Columbia AAB, SC, c. 26 Apr–2 May 1942; Karachi, India, c. 20 May 1942; Allahabad, India, 27 May 1942; Kunming, China, 4 Jun 1942 (detachments operated from Kweilin, Hengyang, and Nanning, 30 Jun–20 Jul, 2–6 Aug, and 24 Oct–28 Nov 1942; from Dinjan, India, 28 Jun–c. 24 Oct 1942; and from Karachi, India, c. May 1942–21 Jun 1943); Kweilin, China, 21 Jun 1943 (detachments operated from Hengyang, Suichwan, Nanning, and Lingling, Jun 1943–Jun 1944); Yang Tong, China, 28 Jun 1944 (detachments operated from Kweilin and Liuchow, 28 Jun–

1 Nov 1944); Yangkai, China, 2 Nov 1944–c. Sep 1945 (detachments operated from Laowhangpin, 28 Feb–c. Mar 1945, and Chihkiang, 28 Mar–1 Apr 1945); Camp Kilmer, NJ, 1–2 Nov 1945. Orlando AAB, FL, 1 Sep 1954–21 Jun 1956; Sembach AB, Germany, 1 Jul 1956–18 Jun 1958. RAF Greenham Common, England, 1 Oct 1982–31 May 1991. Barksdale AFB, LA, 1 Jul 1994–.

Aircraft and Missiles

DH–4, 1918; included DH–4, MB–2 (NBS–1), and LB–1, during period 1919–1927. Primarily LB–7 and O–2 during period 1928–1931; included B–2, B–3, B–4, B–6, O–19, and O–38 during period 1931–1934; primarily B–12, 1934–1936, and B–10, 1936–1937; B–18, 1937–1940; B–17, 1939–1942; LB–30, 1942; B–25, 1942–1945; A–26, 1945. Matador, 1954–1958. Tomahawk GLCM, 1982–1991.

Operations

Combat as a day bombardment unit with First Army, 14 Sep–5 Nov 1918. Mexican border patrol, c. Aug–Nov 1919. Participated in demonstrations of effectiveness of aerial bombardment on warships, 5 Sep 1923. Antisubmarine patrols off California coast, 8–c. 10 Dec 1941. Combat in Southwest Pacific, c. 13 Jan–c. 1 Mar 1942. Combat in the CBI, 3 Jun 1942–20 Jun 1945. Missile operations, 1954–1958 and 1982–1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War I: St Mihiel; Meuse-Argonne; Lorraine. World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater; Philippine Islands; Central Pacific; East Indies; New Guinea; Western Pacific; India-Burma; China Defensive; China Offensive; Air Combat; Asiatic-Pacific Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Netherlands Indies, 14 Jan–1 Mar 1942; French Indo-China, 11 Dec 1944–12 Mar 1945. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 15 Sep 1956–30 Apr 1958; 1 Oct 1982–30 Jun 1984; 1 Jul 1987–31 May 1989; 1 Jun 1989–31 May 1991.

Emblem

Mr Jiggs with an aerial bomb under his arm, on a White disc. Approved on 3 Mar 1924 and reinstated in Jul 1994 (K 2662); replaced emblem approved on 12 May 1955 (K 9167).



11th Reconnaissance Squadron

Constituted 11th Observation Squadron (Medium) on 5 Feb 1942. Activated on 2 Mar 1942. Redesignated: 11th Observation Squadron on 4 Jul 1942; 11th Reconnaissance Squadron (Fighter) on 2 Apr 1943; 11th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron on 11 Aug 1943; 11th Reconnaissance Squadron, Night Photographic, on 25 Jan 1946. Inactivated on 31 Mar 1946. Activated on 19 May 1947. Redesignated 11th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, Night Photographic, on 14 Jun 1948. Inactivated on 28 Mar 1949. Redesignated 11th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron on 12 Aug 1953. Activated on 18 Sep 1953. Redesignated 11th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, Electronics and Weather, on 25 Nov 1953. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 8 Mar 1960. Redesignated 11th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, Photo-Jet, and activated, on 3 Nov 1965. Organized on 1 Apr 1966. Redesignated 11th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron on 1 Oct 1966. Inactivated on 24 Jan 1971. Redesignated 11th Tactical Drone Squadron on 18 May 1971. Activated on 1 Jul 1971. Inactivated on 1 Apr 1979. Redesignated 11th Tactical Intelligence Squadron on 26 Jun 1991. Activated on 15 Jul 1991. Redesignated 11th Air Intelligence Squadron on 27 Jan 1992. Inactivated on 1 Jul 1994. Redesignated 11th Reconnaissance Squadron on 1 Jul 1995. Activated on 29 Jul 1995.

Assignments

Air Force Combat Command, 2 Mar 1942; Army Air Forces, 9 Mar 1942; 74th Observation (later, 74th Reconnaissance; 74th Tactical Reconnaissance) Group, 21 Mar 1942; XIX Tactical Air Command, 7 Nov 1945 (attached to 69th Reconnaissance Group, Nov 1945–26 Feb 1946); First Air Force, 27 Feb 1946; Tactical Air Command, 21 Mar 1946; 67th Reconnaissance Group, 28–31 Mar 1946. 67th Reconnaissance (later, 67th Tactical Reconnaissance) Group, 19 May 1947–28 Mar 1949. 67th Tactical Reconnaissance Group, 18 Sep 1953 (attached to 67th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, 1 Jun–30 Nov 1954 and 1 Jul–30 Sep 1957); 67th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, 1 Oct 1957–8 Mar 1960. Tactical Air Command, 3 Nov 1965; 67th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, 1 Apr 1966; 432d Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, 25 Oct 1966; Tactical Air Command, 10 Nov 1970–24 Jan 1971. 355th Tactical Fighter Wing, 1 Jul 1971; 432d Tactical Drone Group, 1 Jul 1976–1 Apr 1979. Eleventh Air Force, 15 Jul 1991; 11th Operations Group, 27 Jan 1992–1 Jul 1994. 57th Operations Group, 29 Jul 1995–.

Stations

Wheeler–Sack Field, NY, 2 Mar 1942; DeRidder, LA, 6 May 1942; Esler Field, LA, 15 Dec 1942; Desert Center, CA, 29 Dec 1942 (deployed to Camp Laguana, AZ, 27 Jun–Jul 1943); Morris Field, NC, 24 Sep 1943; Camp Campbell AAFld, KY, 6 Nov 1943 (deployed to Bowling Green Aprt, KY, 9 Dec 1943–24 Mar 1944); Pounds Field, TX, 17 Apr 1944; Lafayette Aprt, LA, 12 Jul 1944; Stuttgart AAFld, AR, 7 Feb 1945; Brooks Field, TX, 8 Dec 1945; Shaw Field, SC, 27 Feb–31 Mar 1946. Langley Field, VA, 19 May 1947; March Field, CA, 1 Sep 1947–28 Mar 1949. Kimpo AB, South Korea, 18 Sep 1953; Itami AB, Japan, 7 Dec 1954; Yokota AB, Japan, 15 Jul 1957–8 Mar 1960. Mountain Home AFB, ID, 1 Apr–25 Oct 1966; Udorn RTAFB, Thailand, 25 Oct 1966–5 Nov 1970; Shaw AFB, SC, 10 Nov 1970–24 Jan 1971. Davis–Monthan AFB, AZ, 1 Jul 1971–1 Apr 1979. Elmendorf AFB, AK, 15 Jul 1991–1 Jul 1994. Nellis AFB, NV, 29 Jul 1995–.

Aircraft

Included O–52, L–4 and P–43 during period 1942–1943; P–39, 1943; P–40, 1943–1944; B–25/F–10, 1944–1945; L–5, 1944–1945; P–51/F–6, 1945–1946; A–26, 1945–1946. FA(later, RB)–26, 1947–1949. RB/WB–26, 1953–1957; SC–47, 1957; RB/WB–66, 1957–1960; T–33, 1957–1960. RF–4, 1967–1970. DC/RC–130, 1971–1979; AQM–34, 1971–1979; CH–3, 1972–1979; BGM–34, 1974–1975.

Operations

Maneuvers and demonstrations for the training of ground forces, 1942–1945. Photographic and weather reconnaissance over western Pacific, 1953–1960. Combat in Southeast Asia, 25 Oct 1966–24 Oct 1970. Launched and controlled drones, 1971–1975. Tested drones, 1974–1975.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater; Korean Theater.

Campaign Streamers

Vietnam: Vietnam Air Offensive; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air/Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; Tet/69 Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer/Fall 1969; Vietnam Winter/Spring 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Presidential Unit Citations (Southeast Asia): [25 Oct] 1966–31 Mar 1967; 19 Sep 1967–1 Nov 1968; 1 Nov 1968–31 Oct 1969. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat “V” Device: [25 Oct] 1966–18 Sep 1967; 21 Nov 1969–10 Nov 1970. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1957–1 Nov 1958; 1 Jul 1971–1 Jun 1973; 1 Jul 1992–30 Jun 1994. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: [25 Oct] 1966–10 Nov 1970.

Emblem

On a disc per bend Ultramarine Blue and Light Blue an owl White trimmed Brown in flight, beak and feet Yellow, above which is an award star, being a Red disc within a White annulet on a Yellow winged star, the whole within Red and White concentric borders. Approved on 20 Jul 1966 (K 20778); replaced emblems approved on 28 Dec 1953 (K 8053), and on 26 Oct 1942 (48740 AC).



11th Space Warning Squadron

Constituted 11th Space Warning Squadron on 26 Sep 1994. Activated on 1 Oct 1994.

Assignments

21st Operations Group, 1 Oct 1994–.

Stations

Falcon AFB, CO, 1 Oct 1994–.

Aircraft

None.

Operations

Activated after 5 Mar 1993 cutoff for this information.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

None.

Emblem

Azure, an escutcheon blazoned: (Silver Gray a globe Celeste gridlined Azure within an orle of annulets Sable and one of the like in chief; all within a diminished bordure Gules). Overall a sword bendwise Silver Gray hilt Or, garnished Gules. *MOTTO*: IN THE FIGHT. Approved on 8 Jun 1995.



12th Fighter Squadron

Constituted 12th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) on 20 Nov 1940. Activated on 15 Jan 1941. Redesignated: 12th Fighter Squadron on 15 May 1942; 12th Fighter Squadron, Two Engine, on 26 Jan 1944; 12th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 6 May 1946; 12th Fighter Squadron, Jet, on 23 Dec 1949; 12th Fighter-Bomber Squadron on 20 Jan 1950; 12th Tactical Fighter Squadron on 1 Jul 1958; 12th Fighter Squadron on 1 Oct 1991.

Assignments

50th Pursuit (later, 50th Fighter) Group, 15 Jan 1941 (attached to 7th Interceptor [later, VII Fighter] Command, 10 Feb–17 Aug 1942); 15th Fighter Group, 18 Aug 1942; US Army Forces in South Pacific, 1 Dec 1942; XIII Fighter Command, 13 Jan 1943; 18th Fighter (later, 18th Fighter-Bomber) Group, 30 Mar 1943 (attached to Air Task Group 5, Provisional, 27 Jan–19 Feb 1955; Air Task Force 13, Provisional, c. 3 Sep–30 Nov 1955; 49th Fighter-Bomber Group, 7 Aug 1956–14 Mar 1957; 18th Fighter-Bomber Wing, 15 Mar–15 Aug 1957; Thirteenth Air Force, 16 Aug–1 Sep 1957); Thirteenth Air Force, 2 Sep 1957; 18th Fighter-Bomber (later, 18th Tactical Fighter) Wing, 25 Mar 1958 (attached to 2d Air Division, 1 Feb–15 Mar 1965 and 15 Jun–25 Aug 1965; 314th Air Division, 23–29 Jan 1968); 18th Tactical Fighter Group, 1 May 1978; 18th Tactical Fighter Wing, 11 Feb 1981; 18th Operations Group, 1 Oct 1991–.

Stations

Selfridge Field, MI, 15 Jan 1941; Key Field, MS, 3 Oct 1941–c. 19 Jan 1942; Cassidy Field, Christmas Island, 10 Feb 1942, Palmyra Island, 22 Oct 1942; Efate Island, New Hebrides, 19 Nov 1942 (operated from Fighter Strip No. 2, Guadalcanal, 19 Dec 1942–6 Feb 1943); Fighter Strip No. 2 (later, Kukum Field), Guadalcanal, 7 Feb 1943 (operated from Treasury Island, Solomon Islands, 19 Feb–Aug 1944); Mar Drome, Sansapor, Dutch New Guinea, 23 Aug 1944 (air echelon operated from Guadalcanal, Aug 1944; a portion of the squadron operated from Morotai, 8 Nov 1944–10 Jan 1945); Lingayen, Luzon, 13 Jan 1945; Hill Strip, San Jose, Mindoro, 27 Feb 1945 (rear echelon operated from Lingayen, 28 Feb–4 Apr 1945 and became the advance echelon at Moret Field, Zamboanga, Mindanao, on 24 Apr 1945; an air echelon operated from Puerto Princesa, Palawan, 26 Apr–11 May 1945); Moret Field, Zamboanga, Mindanao, 4 May 1945 (a detachment operated from Sanga Sanga, Sulu Archipelago, 11 Jun–Aug 1945, and another detachment operated from Tacloban, Leyte, 25–c. 30 Jul 1945); Tacloban, Leyte, 5 Nov 1945; Puerto Princesa, Palawan, 15 Feb 1946 (a detachment operated from Florida Blanca AAB, Luzon, 24 Jun–16 Jul 1946); Florida Blanca AAB, Luzon, 17 Jul 1946; Clark Field (later, AFB), Luzon, 16 Sep 1947 (operated from Johnson Field, Japan, 28 Jun–c. 11 Jul 1949); Taegu AB, South Korea, 28 Jul 1950; Ashiya AB, Japan, 8 Aug 1950; Pusan–East AB, South Korea, 8 Sep 1950 (a detachment operated from Pyongyang–East, North Korea, c. 5–19 Nov 1950); Pyongyang–East, North Korea, 20 Nov 1950; Suwon AB, South Korea, 3 Dec 1950; Chinhae, South Korea, 22 Dec 1950 (a detachment

operated from Suwon AB, 22 Dec 1950–4 Jan 1951; part of the squadron operated from Suwon AB, 24 Mar–8 May 1951, and another part from Pusan–West AB, South Korea, 24 Mar–23 Apr 1951; operated from Seoul AB, South Korea, 8 May–9 Aug 1951 and 19 Aug–30 Sep 1951; operated from Hoengsong, South Korea, 1 Oct 1951–1 Jun 1952); Hoengsong, South Korea, 2 Jun 1952; Osan–ni AB, South Korea, 11 Jan 1953; Kadena AB, Okinawa, 30 Oct 1954 (operated from Yonton Auxiliary AB, Okinawa, 10 Nov–11 Dec 1954; deployed at Tainan AB, Formosa, 27 Jan–19 Feb 1955 and c. 3 Sep–30 Nov 1955; detachment operated at Clark AB, Philippines, 1–14 Aug 1957); Clark AB, Philippines, 15 Aug 1957; Kadena AB, Okinawa (later, Japan), 25 Mar 1958– (deployed at Da Nang AB, South Vietnam, 1–19 Feb 1965; Korat RTAFB, Thailand, 8 Feb–15 Mar 1965 and 15 Jun–25 Aug 1965; Osan AB, South Korea, 23 Jan–13 Jun 1968).

Aircraft

P–35, 1941; P–36, 1941; BT–13, 1941; P–40, 1941–1942; P–39, 1942–1943, 1943, 1944; P–400, 1943; P–38, 1943–1946; P(later, F)–47, 1944, 1946, 1947–1948; P(later, F)–51, 1946–1947, 1948–1950, 1950–1953; P(later, F)–80, 1946, 1949–1950; F–86, 1953–1956; F–84, 1956–1957; F–100, 1957–1958, 1958–1963; F–105, 1962–1972; F–4, 1975–1980; F–15, 1980–.

Operations

Patrols over the Pacific from Christmas Island, Feb–Oct 1942. Combat in South and Southwest Pacific, 19 Nov 1942–14 Aug 1945. Combat in Korea, 1 Aug 1950–8 Jan 1953 and 25 Feb–27 Jul 1953. Combat in Vietnam, 1 Feb–15 Mar 1965 and 15 Jun–25 Aug 1965. Stood alert in South Korea, 23 Jan–13 Jun 1968, after seizure of the USS *Pueblo* by North Korea.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Guadalcanal; Northern Solomons; Bismarck Archipelago; New Guinea; Leyte; Luzon; Southern Philippines; Western Pacific; China Defensive; Air Combat, Asiatic-Pacific Theater. Korea: UN Defensive; UN Offensive: CCF Intervention; First UN Counteroffensive; CCF Spring Offensive; UN Summer-Fall Offensive; Second Korean Winter; Korea Summer-Fall, 1952; Third Korean Winter; Korea, Summer 1953. Vietnam: Vietnam Advisory; Vietnam Defensive.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Philippine Islands, 10–11 Nov 1944; Korea, 3 Nov 1950–24 Jan 1951; Korea, 22 Apr–8 Jul 1951. Presidential Unit Citation: Southeast Asia, 25 Jun–25 Aug 1965. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat “V” Device: 1 Aug 1964–5 Jun 1965. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Dec 1959–30 Nov 1960; 1 Sep 1962–31 Aug 1963; 6 Jun 1965–31 Dec 1966; 1 Sep 1978–30 Sep 1979; 1 Oct 1979–31 May 1980; 1 Jun 1981–31 May 1983; 1 Jun 1983–31 May 1984; 1 Jun 1984–31 May 1986. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII). Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citations: [28] Jul 1950–31 Jan 1951; 1 Feb 1951–31 Mar 1953. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 1 Apr 1966–30 Jun 1970.

Emblem

On a disc, Light Yellow, outlined White, edged Black, an eagle, affronte, his head turned to the dexter, his body and under wings Black; his back, outer wings, legs, tail feathers and tips of head feathers Silver–Grey, highlights and head feathers White; his feet Light Brown all outlines Black; his left wing bent and placed over his breast, his right wing holding upward, a sword, point to base, blade Silver–Grey, hilt and pommel Red. Approved on 15 Apr 1957 (K 7729) and modified in 1994. *MOTTO*: IN OMINIA PARATUS—Prepared for All Things. Approved 15 Apr 1957 (K 7729) and modified in 1994.



12th Missile Squadron

Constituted 12th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 22 Dec 1939. Activated on 1 Feb 1940. Redesignated: 12th Bombardment Squadron (Medium) on 7 May 1942; 12th Bombardment Squadron, Medium, on 21 Sep 1943. Disbanded on 20 Jun 1944. Reconstituted, and redesignated 12th Bombardment Squadron, Light, on 10 Mar 1947. Activated in the Reserve on 24 Jul 1947. Inactivated on 27 Jun 1949. Redesignated 12th Bombardment Squadron, Medium, on 7 Jun 1955. Activated on 1 Sep 1955. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 25 Jun 1961. Redesignated 12th Strategic Missile Squadron (ICBM–Minuteman), and activated, on 22 Sep 1961. Organized on 1 Mar 1962. Redesignated 12th Missile Squadron on 1 Sep 1991.

Assignments

25th Bombardment Group, 1 Feb 1940–20 Jun 1944 (under operational control of Antilles Air Task Force and VI Fighter Command, 1 Nov 1942–unkn). 341st Bombardment Group, 24 Jul 1947–27 Jun 1949. 341st Bombardment Wing, 1 Sep 1955–25 Jun 1961. Strategic Air Command, 22 Sep 1961; 341st Strategic Missile Wing, 1 Mar 1962; 341st Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991–.

Stations

Langley Field, VA, 1 Feb–26 Oct 1940; Borinquen Field, Puerto Rico, 1 Nov 1940; Benedict Field, St Croix, c. 8 Nov 1941; Dakota Field, Aruba, c. 10 Oct 1942 (detachment operated from Borinquen Field, Puerto Rico, c. Nov 1942–unkn); Coolidge Field, Antigua, 23 Nov 1943–24 Mar 1944; Alamogordo AAFld, NM, 6 Apr–20 Jun 1944. Westover Field (later, AFB), MA, 24 Jul 1947; Hartford, CT, 24 Oct 1947–27 Jun 1949. Abilene (later, Dyess) AFB, TX, 1 Sep 1955–25 Jun 1961 (deployed at Andersen AFB, Guam, 9 Jan–c. 4 Apr 1958). Malmstrom AFB, MT, 1 Mar 1962–.

Aircraft and Missiles

B–18, 1940–1944; B–25, 1943–1944. AT–6, 1947–1949; AT–11, 1947–1949. B–47, 1956–1961. Minuteman I, 1962–1968; Minuteman II, 1967–.

Operations

Antisubmarine patrols and convoy escort in the Caribbean area, during World War II. Missile alert operations, 1962–.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 22 Oct 1962–31 Dec 1963; 1 Jul 1975–30 Jun 1976; 1 Jul 1976–30 Jun 1977; 1 Jul 1979–30 Jun 1981; 1 Jul 1988–30 Jun 1990; 1 Jul 1990–30 Jun 1991; 1 Sep 1991–31 Aug 1993.

Emblem

On a disc of Light Blue sky spattered with White stars, the top of the globe issuing from base, Black, grid lines White; over all a Dark Gray mailed hand issuing from sinister chief, outlines and highlights White, details Light Blue, grasping a sword in pale, point to base, hilt and pommel AF Golden Yellow, blade White, shaded Light Blue, outlines and details Dark Gray, a Red oval spot on pommel, all between a Red lightning flash edged White and a Green Olive branch, details AF Golden Yellow, pilewise. Approved on 5 Aug 1957 (K 2568).



12th Space Warning Squadron

Constituted 12th Missile Warning Squadron, and activated, on 1 Nov 1966. Organized on 1 Jan 1967. Redesignated: 12th Missile Warning Group on 31 Mar 1977; 12th Missile Warning Squadron on 15 Jun 1983; 12th Missile Warning Group on 1 Oct 1989; 12th Space Warning Squadron on 15 May 1992.

Assignments

Air Defense Command, 1 Nov 1966; 71st Missile Warning Wing, 1 Jan 1967; Fourteenth Aerospace Force, 30 Apr 1971; 21st Air Division, 1 Oct 1976; Aerospace Defense Command, 1 Oct 1979; 40th Air Division, 1 Dec 1979; 1st Space Wing, 1 May 1983; 21st Operations Group, 15 May 1992; 21st Space Wing, 8 Jun 1995–.

Stations

Thule AB, Greenland, 1 Jan 1967–.

Aircraft

None.

Operations

Operated radar to detect ballistic missile attack against US and Southern Canada, and tracked space objects in earth orbit, 1967 to present.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jun 1968–31 May 1970; 1 Jul 1971–30 Jun 1972; 1 May 1983–30 Apr 1984.

Emblem

Azure, a demi globe issuant from base Celeste gridlined of the first enfiling an orbit ring to dexter palewise charged at its apex with a pole star Or and supporting an arctic fox sejant Argent in sinister a flight symbol ascending bendwise of the like; all within a diminished bordure Yellow. *MOTTO*: TOP OF THE WORLD. Approved on 8 Jun 1995; replaced emblems approved on 21 Jun 1990 (DFSC 91–02985) and 6 Sep 1967 (KE 64122).



13th Airlift Squadron

Constituted 13th Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron on 9 Jun 1942. Activated on 20 Jun 1942. Redesignated: 13th Photographic Squadron (Light) on 6 Feb 1943; 13th Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron on 13 Nov 1943. Inactivated on 1 Dec 1945. Redesignated 13th Reconnaissance Squadron, Photographic, on 11 Mar 1947. Activated in the Reserve on 6 Jul 1947. Inactivated on 27 Jun 1949. Redesignated 13th Troop Carrier Squadron, Medium, on 26 May 1952. Activated in the Reserve on 14 Jun 1952. Inactivated on 1 Apr 1953. Redesignated 13th Military Airlift Squadron on 14 Jul 1987. Activated on 1 Oct 1987. Redesignated 13th Airlift Squadron on 1 Apr 1992.

Assignments

3d Photographic (later, 3d Photographic Reconnaissance and Mapping) Group, 20 Jun 1942 (attached to 1st Bombardment Wing, 2 Dec 1942–16 Feb 1943, and to Eighth Air Force, 16 Feb–7 Jul 1942); 7th Photographic Reconnaissance and Mapping Group, 7 Jul 1943–21 Nov 1945; unkn, 22 Nov–1 Dec 1945. 65th Reconnaissance Group, 6 Jul 1947–27 Jun 1949. 65th Troop Carrier Group, 14 Jun 1952–1 Apr 1953. 374th Tactical Airlift Wing, 1 Oct 1987; 316th Airlift Support Group, 1 Apr 1992; 18th Operations Group, 1 Jun 1992; 438th Operations Group, 1 Oct 1993; 305th Operations Group, 1 Oct 1994–.

Stations

Colorado Springs, CO, 20 Jun–17 Oct 1942; Podington, England, 2 Dec 1942; Mount Farm, England, 16 Feb 1943; Chalgrove, England, 8 Apr 1945; Grove, England, c. 13 Oct–23 Nov 1945; Camp Kilmer, NJ, 30 Nov–1 Dec 1945. Rome AAFld, NY, 6 Jul 1947; Chemung County Aprt, NY, 26 Jan 1948–27 Jun 1949. Mitchel AFB, NY, 14 Jun 1952–1 Apr 1953. Kadena AB, Japan, 1 Oct 1987–1 Oct 1993; McGuire AFB, NJ, 1 Oct 1993–.

Aircraft

P-38/F-5, 1942–1945; L-4, 1942–1943; Spitfire, 1943; P-51, 1945. Unkn, 1947–1949. C-46, 1952–1953. C-12, 1987–.

Operations

Combat in ETO, 28 Mar 1943–26 Apr 1945. Intratheater airlift for high-ranking PACAF and civilian officials and small mission-essential equipment, 1987–1993.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: France, 31 May–30 Jun 1944. French Croix de Guerre with Palm: 1944.

Emblem

Azure, a cat caricature descending bendwise Sable and Argent langued Gules grasping in its forepaws a winged globe Azure land masses Vert winged White all below three lightning flashes issuant from chief bendwise of the fourth in dexter a lightning flash issuant from chief palewise of the like; all within a diminished bordure Or. Copyright—Walt Disney. Approved on 6 Mar 1944 (K 8337), modified and reinstated on 5 Jun 1995; replaced emblem approved on 13 Oct 1988 (DFSC 89–03004).



13th Fighter Squadron

Constituted 313th Bombardment Squadron (Medium) on 13 Jan 1942. Activated on 1 Feb 1942. Disbanded on 10 Oct 1943. Reconstituted, and consolidated (19 Sep 1985) with 13th Tactical Fighter Squadron, which was constituted, and activated, on 2 May 1966. Organized on 15 May 1966. Inactivated on 30 Jun 1975. Redesignated 13th Tactical Fighter Training Squadron on 18 Dec 1975. Activated on 15 Jan 1976. Inactivated on 1 Jul 1982. Redesignated 13th Tactical Fighter Squadron on 5 Jun 1984. Activated on 1 Jun 1985. Redesignated 13th Fighter Squadron on 31 May 1991.

Assignments

21st Bombardment Group, 1 Feb 1942–10 Oct 1943. Pacific Air Forces, 2 May 1966; 18th Tactical Fighter Wing, 15 May 1966 (attached to 388th Tactical Fighter Wing, 15 May 1966–17 Oct 1967); 432d Tactical Reconnaissance (later, 432d Tactical Fighter) Wing, 15 Nov 1967–30 Jun 1975. 56th Tactical Fighter (later, 56th Tactical Training) Wing, 15 Jan 1976–1 Jul 1982. 432d Tactical Fighter Wing, 1 Jun 1985; 432d Operations Group, 31 May 1991; 35th Operations Group, 1 Oct 1994–.

Stations

Bowman Field, KY, 1 Feb 1942; Jackson AAB, MS, 8 Feb 1942; Columbia AAB, SC, 21 Apr 1942; Key Field, MS, 24 May 1942; Hattiesburg AAFld, MS, 7 Jun 1942; Key Field, MS, 12 Jun 1942; MacDill Field, FL, 26 Jun 1942–10 Oct 1943. Korat RTAFB, Thailand, 15 May 1966; Udorn RTAFB, Thailand, 20 Oct 1967–30 Jun 1975. MacDill AFB, FL, 15 Jan 1976–1 Jul 1982 (operated from Tyndall AFB, FL, 26 Nov–22 Dec 1979). Misawa AB, Japan, 1 Jun 1985–.

Aircraft

B–18, 1942; A–20, 1942; B–25, 1942; B–26, 1942–1943. F–105, 1966; F–4, 1966–1975. F–4, 1976–1982. F–16, 1985–.

Operations

Antisubmarine patrols in Gulf of Mexico, Jun–Aug 1942. Operational and replacement training unit, Apr 1942–Oct 1943. Combat in Southeast Asia, 15 May 1966–30 Jun 1975. Tactical fighter training for pilots and weapons systems officers, Jan 1976–Jun 1982.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater. Vietnam: Vietnam Air; Vietnam Air Offensive; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air/ Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; TET 69/Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer-Fall, 1969; Vietnam Winter-Spring, 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon; Commando Hunt V; Commando Hunt VI; Commando Hunt VII; Vietnam Ceasefire.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Presidential Unit Citations (Southeast Asia): 10 Mar–1 May 1967; 19 Sep 1967–1 Nov 1968; 1 Nov 1968–31 Oct 1969. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat “V” Device: 29–30 Jun 1966; 1 Jul 1966–30 Jun 1967; 1 Jul 1967–30 Jun 1968; 21 Nov 1969–20 Nov 1970; 21 Nov 1970–6 Apr 1971; 18 Dec 1972–27 Jan 1973. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jan 1977–1 Jan 1979; 1 Jul 1980–30 Jun 1982. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 15 May 1966–28 Jan 1973.

Emblem

On a Yellow disc, a Black panther’s head facing to the right detailed White with Red eye and tongue interlaced by the stylized Red Arabic numerals 1 and 3, all within a narrow Blue border. Approved on 15 Aug 1985.



13th Space Warning Squadron

Constituted 13th Missile Warning Squadron, and activated, on 1 Nov 1966. Organized on 1 Jan 1967. Redesignated 13th Space Warning Squadron on 15 May 1992.

Assignments

Air Defense Command, 1 Nov 1966; 71st Missile Warning Wing, 1 Jan 1967; Fourteenth Aerospace Force, 30 Apr 1971; Alaskan ADCOM Region, 1 Oct 1976; 47th Air Division, 1 Dec 1979; 1st Space Wing, 1 May 1983; 21st Operations Group, 15 May 1992–.

Stations

Clear Missile Early Warning Station (later, Clear AFS; Clear AS), AK, 1 Jan 1967–.

Aircraft

None.

Operations

Operated radar to detect a ballistic missile attack against the US and southern Canada and tracked space objects in earth orbit, 1967 to present.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jun 1968–31 May 1970; 1 Jul 1971–30 Jun 1973; 1 May 1983–30 Apr 1984.

Emblem

On a disc, per fess indented Azure and Or, issuant in base a demi-globe of the first gridlines Argent, and in chief a bugle horn of the second suspended by a strap Gules edged in Gold, all within a diminished bordure of the like. *MOTTO*: SENTINEL OF SPACE. Approved on 11 Aug 1967 (KE 26460).



14th Airlift Squadron

Constituted 14th Transport Squadron on 20 Nov 1940. Activated on 4 Dec 1940.
Redesignated 14th Troop Carrier Squadron on 4 Jul 1942. Inactivated on 31 Jul 1945.
Activated on 30 Sep 1946. Redesignated: 14th Troop Carrier Squadron, Medium, on 1 Jul 1948; 14th Troop Carrier Squadron, Heavy, on 15 Aug 1948; 14th Military Airlift Squadron on 8 Jan 1966; 14th Airlift Squadron on 1 Jan 1992.

Assignments

61st Transport (later, 61st Troop Carrier) Group, 4 Dec 1940–31 Jul 1945.
61st Troop Carrier Group, 30 Sep 1946 (attached to 62d Troop Carrier Group, 5 Dec 1950–16 Nov 1951); 63d Troop Carrier Group, 8 Oct 1959; 63d Troop Carrier (later, 63d Military Airlift) Wing, 18 Jan 1963; 63d Military Airlift Group, 1 Oct 1978; 63d Military Airlift Wing, 1 Jul 1980; 63d Operations Group, 1 Jan 1992; 437th Operations Group, 1 Apr 1992–.

Stations

Duncan Field, TX, 4 Dec 1940; Augusta GA, 12 Jul 1941; Pope Field, NC, 24 May 1942; Lockbourne, OH, 10 Sep 1942; Dalhart AAFld, TX, 9 Oct 1942; Pope Field, NC, 27 Feb–1 May 1943; Lourmel, Algeria, 14 May 1943; Kairouan, Tunisia, Jun 1943; Licata, Sicily, 6 Sep 1943; Sciacca, Sicily, 6 Oct 1943–12 Feb 1944; Barkston, England, 18 Feb 1944; Abbeville, France, 13 Mar–19 May 1945; Waller Field, Trinidad, 29 May–31 Jul 1945. Eschborn AB, Germany, 30 Sep 1946; Rhein-Main AB, Germany, c. 15 Jan 1947–21 Jul 1950; McChord AFB, WA, 26 Jul 1950–16 Nov 1951; Tachikawa AB, Japan, 16 Nov 1951–1 Dec 1952; Larson AFB, WA, 1 Dec 1952; Donaldson AFB, SC, 25 Aug 1954; Hunter AFB, GA, 1 Apr 1963; Norton AFB, CA, 1 Apr 1967; Charleston AFB, SC, 1 Apr 1992–.

Aircraft

C–33, 1941; C–39, 1941–1942; C–47, 1942–1945. C–47, 1946–1948; C–54, 1948–1952; C–124, 1952–1967; C–141, 1967–.

Operations

World War II: Included airborne assaults on Sicily, Normandy, Holland, and Germany; aerial transportation in MTO and ETO. Berlin Airlift, 1948–1949. Korea: Aerial transportation from US to Japan and between Japan and Korea, 16 Nov 1951–1 Dec 1952. Worldwide airlift beginning 1953. Aerial transport missions to Southeast Asia, 1966–1973, and evacuation of South Vietnam, Apr–Jun 1975. Supported operations in Grenada, Oct–Nov 1983; Panama, Dec 1989–Jan 1990; and Southwest Asia, Aug 1990–Dec 1991.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Rome-Arno; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Central Europe. Korea: UN Summer-Fall Offensive; Second Korean Winter; Korea Summer-Fall, 1952.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Panama, 1989–1990.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Sicily, 11 Jul 1943; France, [6–7] Jun 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1957–10 Dec 1962; 1 Jul 1968–30 Jun 1969; 1 Jul 1970–30 Jun 1971; 1 Jun 1978–31 May 1980; 1 Jan–31 Dec 1983; 1 Jan–31 Dec 1987; 1 Jan 1990–30 Apr 1991. Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation: [16 Nov 1951–1 Dec 1952]. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 1 Apr 1966–28 Jan 1973.

Emblem

On a Blue disc fimbriated White bordered Yellow, a caricatured troop–carrying pelican in flight, bend sinisterwise, Light Blue and White, wings slotted to represent ailerons, beak Orange, having three windows and a door, from which two paratroopers proper, have emerged and are floating earthward in lower base. Approved on 28 Dec 1942 (K&KE 2894).



14th Fighter Squadron

Constituted 14th Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron on 9 Jun 1942. Activated on 20 Jun 1942. Redesignated: 14th Photographic Squadron (Light) on 5 Feb 1943; 14th Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron on 13 Nov 1943. Inactivated on 27 Dec 1945. Redesignated 14th Reconnaissance Squadron, Photographic, on 8 Oct 1947. Activated in the Reserve on 6 Nov 1947. Inactivated on 27 Jun 1949. Redesignated 14th Troop Carrier Squadron, Medium, on 26 May 1952. Activated in the Reserve on 14 Jun 1952. Inactivated on 1 Apr 1953. Redesignated 14th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, and activated, on 25 Oct 1966. Organized on 3 Apr 1967. Inactivated on 30 Jun 1975. Redesignated 14th Tactical Fighter Squadron on 5 Jun 1984. Activated on 1 Jan 1987. Redesignated 14th Fighter Squadron on 31 May 1991.

Assignments

3d Photographic (later, 3d Photographic Reconnaissance and Mapping) Group, 20 Jun 1942 (attached to Second Air Force, 31 Aug–5 Oct 1942; Army Air Forces, 6 Oct 1942–4 May 1943; Eighth Air Force, 5 May–7 Jul 1943); 7th Photographic Reconnaissance and Mapping (later, 7th Photographic; 7th Reconnaissance) Group, 7 Jul 1943; United States Air Forces in Europe, 21 Nov–27 Dec 1945. 65th Reconnaissance Group, 6 Nov 1947–27 Jun 1949. 65th Troop Carrier Group, 14 Jun 1952–1 Apr 1953. Tactical Air Command, 25 Oct 1966; 75th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, 3 Apr 1967; 432d Tactical Reconnaissance (later, 432d Tactical Fighter) Wing, 28 Oct 1967–30 Jun 1975. 432d Tactical Fighter Wing, 1 Jan 1987; 432d Operations Group, 31 May 1991; 35th Operations Group, 1 Oct 1994–.

Stations

Colorado Springs, CO, 20 Jun 1942; Colorado Springs (later, Peterson) AAFld, CO, 1 Aug 1942–24 Apr 1943; Mount Farm, England, 12 May 1943; Chalgrove, England, 2 Apr 1945; Villacoublay, France, c. 13 Oct–12 Dec 1945; Camp Shanks, NY, 24–27 Dec 1945. Binghampton, NY, 6 Nov 1947–27 Jun 1949. Mitchel AFB, NY, 14 Jun 1952–1 Apr 1953. Bergstrom AFB, TX, 3 Apr–25 Oct 1967; Udorn RTAFB, Thailand, 28 Oct 1967–30 Jun 1975. Misawa AB, Japan, 1 Jan 1987–.

Aircraft

P–38/F–4, 1942; P–38/F–5, 1942–1944, 1944–1945; Spitfire, 1943–1945; P–51, 1945; C–64, 1945; C–53, 1945. T–6, 1947–1949; T–11, 1947–1949. C–46, 1952–1953. RF–4, 1967–1975. F–16, 1987–.

Operations

Combat in ETO, 12 Aug 1943–25 Apr 1945; damage assessment of Germany until 23 Jul 1945. Combat in Southeast Asia, 2 Nov 1967–Aug 1973; documented by aerial photography the communist takeover of Cambodia and the Republic of Vietnam in 1975.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater. Vietnam: Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III;

Vietnam Air/Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; TET 69/Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer-Fall, 1969; Vietnam Winter-Spring, 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon; Commando Hunt V; Commando Hunt VI; Commando Hunt VII; Vietnam Ceasefire.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: France, 31 May–30 Jun 1944. Presidential Unit Citations (Southeast Asia): [28 Oct] 1967–1 Nov 1968; 1 Nov 1968–31 Oct 1969. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat “V” Device: 21 Nov 1969–20 Nov 1970; 21 Nov 1970–6 Apr 1971; 18 Dec 1972–27 Jan 1973; 5 Jan–12 Apr 1975. French Croix de Guerre with Palm: 1944. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: [28 Oct] 1967–28 Jan 1973.

Emblem

On a Black disc, a Samurai Warrior detailed in Black, Red, White, and Yellow rides a Yellow lightning bolt through White clouds on a Blue background. Approved on 7 Jan 1993 (DFSC 94–02106); replaced emblem approved on 4 Dec 1943 (K&KE 8337).



15th Airlift Squadron

Constituted 15th Transport Squadron on 20 Nov 1940. Activated on 4 Dec 1940.
Redesignated 15th Troop Carrier Squadron on 4 Jul 1942. Inactivated on 31 Jul 1945.
Activated on 30 Sep 1946. Redesignated: 15th Troop Carrier Squadron, Medium, on
1 Jul 1948; 15th Troop Carrier Squadron, Heavy, on 15 Aug 1948; 15th Military Airlift
Squadron on 8 Jan 1966; 15th Airlift Squadron on 1 Jan 1992. Inactivated on 26 Jul 1993.
Activated on 1 Oct 1993.

Assignments

61st Transport (later, 61st Troop Carrier) Group, 4 Dec 1940–31 Jul 1945. 61st Troop Carrier Group, 30 Sep 1946; 63d Troop Carrier Group, 8 Oct 1959; 63d Troop Carrier (later, 63d Military Airlift) Wing, 18 Jan 1963; 63d Military Airlift Group, 1 Oct 1978; 63d Military Airlift Wing, 1 Jul 1980; 63d Operations Group, 1 Jan 1992–26 Jul 1993. 437th Operations Group, 1 Oct 1993–.

Stations

Duncan Field, TX, 4 Dec 1940; Augusta, GA, 12 Jul 1941; Pope Field, NC, 24 May 1942; Lubbock, TX, c. 25 Sep 1942; Pope Field, NC, 27 Feb–2 May 1943; Lourmel, Algeria, 15 May 1943; Kairouan, Tunisia, 24 Jun 1942; Licata, Sicily, 2 Sep 1943; Sciacca, Sicily, 5 Oct 1943–12 Feb 1944; Barkston, England, 17 Feb 1944; Abbeville, France, 13 Mar–13 May 1945; Waller Field, Trinidad, 19 May–31 Jul 1945. Eschborn AB, Germany, 30 Sep 1946; Rhein-Main AB, Germany, 9 Feb 1947–21 Jul 1950; McChord AFB, WA, 26 Jul–4 Dec 1950; Ashiya AB, Japan, 13 Dec 1950; Tachikawa AB, Japan, 26 Mar–18 Nov 1952; Larson AFB, WA, 21 Nov 1952; Donaldson AFB, SC, 25 Aug 1954; Hunter AFB, GA, 1 Apr 1963; Norton AFB, CA, 1 Apr 1967–26 Jul 1993. Charleston AFB, SC, 1 Oct 1993–.

Aircraft

C–33, 1941; C–39, 1941–1942; C–47, 1942–1945. C–47, 1946–1948; C–54, 1948–1952; C–124, 1952–1967; C–141, 1967–1993.

Operations

World War II: Included airborne assaults on Sicily, Normandy, Holland, and Germany; aerial transportation in MTO and ETO. Berlin Airlift, 1948–1949. Korea: Aerial transportation from US to Japan, Aug–Dec 1950, and between Japan and Korea, 13 Dec 1950–Nov 1952. Worldwide airlift, 1953–1993, including to Southeast Asia, 1966–1973; Grenada, Oct–Nov 1983; Panama, 18 Dec 1989–8 Jan 1990; and Southwest Asia, Aug 1990–Jan 1991.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Central Europe. Korea: CCF Intervention; First UN

Counteroffensive; CCF Spring Offensive; UN Summer-Fall Offensive; Second Korean Winter; Korean Summer-Fall, 1952.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Panama, 1989–1990.

Decorations

Air Force Distinguished Unit Citations: Sicily, 11 Jul 1943; France, [6–7] Jun 1944; Korea, 13 Dec 1950–21 Apr 1951. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1957–10 Dec 1962; 1 Jul 1968–30 Jun 1969; 1 Jul 1970–30 Jun 1971; 1 Jun 1978–31 May 1980; 1 Jan–31 Dec 1983; 1 Jan–31 Dec 1987; 1 Jan 1990–30 Apr 1991. Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation: 1 Jul 1951–[18 Nov 1952]. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 1 Apr 1966–8 Jan 1973.

Emblem

A Blue globe in perspective with axis vertical rimmed Red, gridlined White, land masses Yellow surmounted in base by an eagle with wings elevated (head, neck, tail feathers and rib of wing White, body, wings and upper legs Brown and Tan, beak, eye and lower legs Tan all detailed dark Brown). *MOTTO*: GLOBAL EAGLES. Approved on 14 Jun 1977 (KE 62881); replaced emblem approved on 16 Jul 1952 (K&KE 17357).



15th Special Operations Squadron

The 15th Antisubmarine Squadron (Heavy) (constituted 520th Bombardment Squadron [Heavy] on 13 Oct 1942; activated on 18 Oct 1942; redesignated 15th Antisubmarine Squadron [Heavy] on 29 Nov 1942; disbanded on 2 Nov 1943; reconstituted on 19 Sep 1985) consolidated (19 Sep 1985) with the 15th Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy (constituted on 28 Mar 1944; activated on 1 Apr 1944; inactivated on 15 Apr 1946; activated in the Reserve on 1 Aug 1947; inactivated on 27 Jun 1949) and the 15th Special Operations Squadron (constituted 15th Air Commando Squadron, and activated, on 13 Feb 1968; organized on 15 Mar 1968; redesignated 15th Special Operations Squadron on 1 Aug 1968; inactivated on 31 Oct 1970). Activated on 1 Oct 1992.

Assignments

378th Bombardment Group, 18 Oct 1942 (attached to 25th Antisubmarine Wing, 20 Nov 1942–); 26th Antisubmarine Wing, 14 Dec 1942 (remained attached to 25th Antisubmarine Wing to c. Jul 1943); Second Air Force, 17 Oct–2 Nov 1943. 16th Bombardment Group, 1 Apr 1944–15 Apr 1946. 445th Bombardment Group, 1 Aug 1947–27 Jun 1949. Pacific Air Forces, 13 Feb 1968; 14th Air Commando (later, 14th Special Operations) Wing, 15 Mar 1968–31 Oct 1970. 1st Special Operations (later, 16th Operations) Group, 1 Oct 1992–.

Stations

Jacksonville Muni Aprt, 18 Oct 1942 (air echelon operated from Langley Field, VA, 3 Jun–3 Jul 1943 and from Drew Field, FL, Jul 1943); Batista Field, Cuba, 25 Jul 1943; Jacksonville AAFld, FL, c. 1 Oct 1943; Wendover Field, UT, 17 Oct–2 Nov 1943. Dalhart AAFld, TX, 1 Apr 1944; Fairmont AAFld, NE, 15 Aug 1944–7 Mar 1945 (air echelon operated from Boringuen Field, Puerto Rico, c. 9–25 Jan 1945); Northwest Field, Guam, 14 Apr 1945–15 Apr 1946. Hill Field, (later, AFB), UT, 1 Aug 1947–27 Jun 1949. Nha Trang AB, South Vietnam, 15 Mar 1968–31 Oct 1970. Hurlburt Field, FL, 1 Oct 1992–.

Aircraft

O–47, 1942; B–25, 1942–1943; B–34, 1942–1943; B–24, 1943. B–17, 1944–1945; B–29, 1944–1946. C–130, 1968–1970. MC–130, 1992–.

Operations

Antisubmarine patrols, Oct 1942–Sep 1943. Combat in Western Pacific, 16 Jun–14 Aug 1945. Combat and combat rescue in Southeast Asia, 15 Mar 1968–31 Oct 1970.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater; Eastern Mandates; Western Pacific; Air Offensive, Japan. Vietnam: Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air/Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; TET 69/Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer-Fall, 1969; Vietnam Winter-Spring, 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: Japan, 29 Jul–6 Aug 1945. Presidential Unit Citation: Southeast Asia, 21 Jun 1968–30 Jun 1969. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat “V” Device: 15 Mar–20 Jun 1968; 1 Jul–31 Oct 1970. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award: 1 Oct 1992–15 Apr 1994. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 15 Mar 1968–31 Oct 1970.

Emblem

Azure gridlined as a globe Argent a dagger point to base Argent, hilt Or winged Silver Gray throughout above and between five flames of fire pilewise proper, all within a diminished bordure Yellow. Approved on 27 Nov 1992 (DFSC 94–01135); replaced emblem approved on 13 Apr 1945 (K 3259).



16th Airlift Squadron

Constituted 16th Transport Squadron on 20 Nov 1940. Activated on 11 Dec 1940.
Redesignated 16th Troop Carrier Squadron on 4 Jul 1942. Inactivated on 31 Jul 1945.
Activated on 19 May 1947. Inactivated on 10 Sep 1948. Redesignated 16th Troop Carrier Squadron, Assault, Light, on 19 Sep 1950. Activated on 5 Oct 1950. Redesignated 16th Troop Carrier Squadron, Assault, Fixed Wing, on 8 Nov 1954. Inactivated on 8 Jul 1955.
Redesignated 16th Tactical Airlift Training Squadron on 14 Aug 1969. Activated on 15 Oct 1969. Redesignated 16th Airlift Squadron on 1 Dec 1991.

Assignments

64th Transport (later, 64th Troop Carrier) Group, 11 Dec 1940–31 Jul 1945. 64th Troop Carrier Group, 19 May 1947–10 Sep 1948. 316th Troop Carrier Group, 5 Oct 1950; Eighteenth Air Force (attached to 463d Troop Carrier Wing), 14 Nov 1954–8 Jul 1955. 4442d Combat Crew Training Wing, 15 Oct 1969; 314th Tactical Airlift Wing, 1 Aug 1971; 34th Tactical Airlift Training Group, 1 Nov 1978; 314th Operations Group, 1 Dec 1991; 437th Operations Group, 1 Oct 1993–.

Stations

McClellan Field, CA, 11 Dec 1940; Portland, OR, 9 Jul 1941; Westover Field, MA, 12 Jun–31 Jul 1942; Ramsbury, England, 18 Aug–Nov 1942 (operated from Maison Blanche, Algeria, 11 Nov–Dec 1942); Blida, Algeria, c. 12 Dec 1942; Kairouan, Tunisia, 28 Jun 1943; El Djem, Tunisia, 26 Jul 1943; Comisco, Sicily, 4 Sep 1943 (operated from bases in India, 7 Apr–Jun 1944); Ciampino, Italy, 10 Jul 1944 (operated from Istres, France, 7 Sep–11 Oct 1944); Rosignano Airfield, Italy, 10 Jan–23 May 1945 (operated from Brindisi, Italy, 29 Mar–13 May 1945); Waller Field, Trinidad, 4 Jun–31 Jul 1945. Langley Field, VA, 19 May 1947–10 Sep 1948. Sewart AFB, TN, 5 Oct 1950; Ardmore AFB, OK, 14 Nov 1954–8 Jul 1955. Sewart AFB, TN, 15 Oct 1969; Little Rock AFB, AR, c. 15 Mar 1970; Charleston AFB, SC, 1 Oct 1993–.

Aircraft

C–47, 1941–1945. C–119, 1950–1951; YC–122, 1951–1955; H–19, 1952; H–5, 1952. C–130, 1969–.

Operations

World War II: Airborne assaults on Sicily and Southern France; support for partisans in Northern Italy, Jan–May 1945; aerial transportation in MTO, and briefly in CBI. Airlift of Army assault troops in training exercises, 1951–1954. C–130 aircrew training, 1969–.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Algeria-French Morocco; Tunisia; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Rome-Arno; Southern France; North Apennines; Po Valley; India-Burma; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: CBI Theater, 7 Apr–15 Jun 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 30 Sep 1975–30 Jun 1976; 1 Jun 1985–31 May 1986.

Emblem

On a Yellow disc edged with a narrow Blue border; a Red lion rampant with Red tongue, White wings, grasping in its dexter paw a White short sword with blade up and in its sinister paw a White rolled scroll, all details Black. Approved on 17 Dec 1980 (KE 72060); replaced emblem approved on 25 Jun 1951 (K 6239).



16th Special Operations Squadron

16th Ferrying Squadron (constituted 16th Air Corps Ferrying Squadron on 18 Feb 1942; activated on 16 Apr 1942; redesignated 16th Ferrying Squadron on 12 May 1943; disbanded on 1 Apr 1944; reconstituted on 19 Sep 1985) consolidated (19 Sep 1985) with the 16th Combat Cargo Squadron (constituted on 9 Jun 1944; activated on 13 Jun 1944; inactivated on 29 Dec 1945; disbanded on 8 Oct 1948; reconstituted on 19 Sep 1985) and the 16th Special Operations Squadron (constituted on 11 Oct 1968; activated on 30 Oct 1968).

Assignments

Middle West Sector, Air Corps Ferrying Command (later, 5th Ferrying Group), 16th Apr 1942–1 Apr 1944. 4th Combat Cargo Group, 13 Jun 1944; Army Air Forces, India-Burma Theater, 5 Sep 1945; 4th Combat Cargo Group, c. Oct–29 Dec 1945. 8th Tactical Fighter Wing, 30 Oct 1968 (attached to 388th Tactical Fighter Wing, 19 Jul 1974–8 Dec 1975); Tactical Air Command, 8 Dec 1975; 1st Special Operations Wing, 12 Dec 1975; 1st Special Operations (later, 16th Operations) Group, 22 Sep 1992–.

Stations

Hensley Field, Grand Prairie, TX, 16 Apr 1942; Love Field, Dallas, TX, 8 Sep 1942–1 Apr 1944. Syracuse Army Air Base, NY, 13 Jun 1944; Bowman Field, KY, 16 Aug–9 Nov 1944; Sylhet, India, 7 Dec 1944; Argartala, India, 26 Dec 1944; Chittagong, India, 31 Jan 1945; Namponmao, Burma, 11 Jun 1945; Ledo, India, 3 Sep 1945; Namponmao, Burma, Oct 1945; Ondal, India, Nov–29 Dec 1945. Ubon RTAFB, Thailand, 30 Oct 1968; Korat RTAFB, Thailand, 19 Jul 1974; Eglin AF Aux Airfield #9 (Hurlburt Field), FL, 12 Dec 1975–.

Aircraft

Unkn (ferried tactical and support aircraft), 1942–1944. C–47, 1944, 1945; C–46, 1944–1945. AC–130, 1968–.

Operations

Ferried aircraft from factories to units in US and Canada and conducted pilot training Apr 1942–Apr 1944. Combat aerial transportation from India to Burma and China, Dec 1944–Oct 1945. Combat in Southeast Asia, Nov 1968–Jul 1974; Grenada, 24 Oct–23 Nov 1983; Panama, 20 Dec 1989–14 Jan 1990; and Southwest Asia, Jan–27 May 1991.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers.

World War II: India-Burma; Central Burma; China Offensive. Vietnam: Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; TET 69/Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer-Fall, 1969; Vietnam Winter-Spring, 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon; Commando Hunt V; Commando Hunt VI; Commando Hunt VII; Vietnam Ceasefire. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Panama 1989–1990.

Decorations

Presidential Unit Citations: (Southeast Asia), 1 Dec 1969–1 Mar 1970; 1 Jan–1 Apr 1971. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat “V” Device: 1 Jan–31 Dec 1970; 1 Oct 1971–31 Mar 1972; 1 Apr–22 Oct 1972; 18 Dec 1972–15 Aug 1973; 15 Oct 1974–12 May 1975; 13–15 May 1975; 1 May 1982–30 Apr 1984. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jan 1976–31 Mar 1977; 15 Jul 1979–15 May 1980; 16 May 1980–30 Apr 1982; 1 May 1985–30 Apr 1987; 1 May 1988–30 Apr 1990; 16 Apr 1992–15 Apr 1994. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 30 Oct 1968–28 Jan 1973.

Emblem

Sable, a decrescent bendwise Or, surmounted by a “demi-spectre” issuant from chief descending bendwise sinister Gray habited Azure, langued, pupils and flammant from fingertips Gules armed and eyed Argent; all within a diminished inner bordure Blue and a diminished outer bordure. *MOTTO*: SPECTRE. Approved on 15 Nov 1994; replaced emblems approved on 23 Aug 1944 (K 2788) and on 26 Nov 1943 (K 2796).



17th Airlift Squadron

Constituted 17th Air Corps Ferrying Squadron on 18 Feb 1942. Activated on 27 Apr 1942. Redesignated 17th Transport Squadron on 19 Mar 1943. Disbanded on 31 Oct 1943. Reconstituted, and redesignated 17th Air Transport Squadron, Medium, on 22 Mar 1954. Activated on 18 Jul 1954. Redesignated: 17th Air Transport Squadron, Heavy, on 18 Jun 1958; 17th Military Airlift Squadron on 8 Jan 1966. Inactivated on 8 Apr 1969. Activated on 1 Aug 1987. Redesignated 17th Airlift Squadron on 1 Oct 1991.

Assignments

Army Air Forces Ferrying (later, Air Transport) Command, 27 Apr 1942; 11th Ferrying (later, 11th Transport) Group, 28 Jul 1942–31 Oct 1943. 1608th Air Transport Group, 18 Jul 1954; 1608th Air Transport Wing, 18 Jan 1963; 437th Military Airlift Wing, 8 Jan 1966–8 Apr 1969. 437th Military Airlift Wing, 1 Aug 1987; 437th Operations Group, 1 Oct 1991–.

Stations

Hamilton Field, CA, 27 Apr 1942–31 Oct 1943. Charleston AFB, SC, 18 Jul 1954–8 Apr 1969. Charleston AFB, SC, 1 Aug 1987–.

Aircraft

C–46, 1942–1943; C–47, 1942–1943. C–54, 1954–1958; C–124, 1958–1969. C–141, 1987–.

Operations

World War II: Air Transport and aircraft delivery to the Pacific Theater. Worldwide Airlift beginning 1954. Missions to Southeast Asia, 1964–1969. Supported operations in Panama, 18–29 Dec 1989, and Southwest Asia, Aug 1990–Dec 1991.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Panama, 1989–1990.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jan 1963–1 Feb 1964; 11 Jul 1966–10 Jul 1967; 11 Jul 1967–10 Jul 1968; 11 Jul 1968–8 Apr 1969; 1 Jul 1988–30 Jun 1989; 1 Jul 1989–30 Jun 1990; 21 Sep 1989–31 Oct 1989. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 1 Apr 1966–8 Apr 1969.

Emblem

On an Air Force Blue globe, grid lines White, issuing from the top of a White scroll, two hands flesh tone, winged at the wrists White, bearing supplies or cargo Air Force golden Yellow; outlines and details Air Force Blue throughout. *MOTTO*: ANYTHING, ANYWHERE, ANYTIME. Approved 27 Oct 1959 (K 11458).



17th Space Surveillance Squadron

Constituted 17th Surveillance Squadron, and activated, on 1 Nov 1966. Organized on 1 Jan 1967. Inactivated on 31 Dec 1969. Redesignated 17th Radar Squadron on 20 May 1971. Activated on 1 Sep 1971. Inactivated on 31 May 1976. Redesignated 17th Surveillance Squadron on 28 Dec 1981. Activated on 1 Aug 1982. Inactivated on 1 Jun 1989. Redesignated 17th Space Surveillance Squadron on 25 Oct 1993. Activated on 15 Nov 1993.

Assignments

Air Defense Command, 1 Nov 1966; 73d Aerospace Surveillance Wing, 1 Jan 1967–31 Dec 1969. Fourteenth Aerospace Force, 1 Sep 1971–31 May 1976. 3d Air Division, 1 Aug 1982; 1st Space Wing, 1 May 1983–1 Jun 1989. 73d Space Group, 15 Nov 1993–.

Stations

Moorestown, NJ, 1 Jan 1967–31 Dec 1969. Ko Kha RTAS, Thailand, 1 Sep 1971–31 May 1976. San Miguel, Philippines, 1 Aug 1982–1 Jun 1989. Edzell AFD, Scotland, 15 Nov 1993–.

Aircraft

None.

Operations

Operated a radar sensor for the USAF Spacetrack System, Nov 1967–Dec 1969. Tracked People's Republic of China missile launches and southerly launches from the Soviet Union, Sep 1971–May 1976. Provided low-altitude space surveillance, Aug 1982–May 1989. Operated sensors for the Low-Altitude Space Surveillance System, Nov 1993–.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 14 Sep 1973–17 Feb 1975; 1 Aug 1982–31 Jul 1983.

Emblem

Per fess enarched Sable and Azure a demi-globe issuant from base Vert gridlined Or over all a sword palewise of the last hilt Gules between in chief an arch of four pole stars Yellow, all within a diminished bordure of the last. Approved on 8 Jun 1995; replaced emblem approved on 18 Sep 1968 (KE 31299). *MOTTO*: ETERNAL VIGILANCE. Approved on 18 Sep 1968.



17th Special Operations Squadron

17th Reconnaissance Squadron (Bombardment) (constituted 17th Observation Squadron [Light] on 5 Feb 1942; activated on 2 Mar 1942; redesignated: 17th Observation Squadron on 4 Jul 1942, 17th Reconnaissance Squadron [Bombardment] on 2 Apr 1943; inactivated on 27 Apr 1946) consolidated (19 Sep 1985) with the 17th Liaison Squadron (constituted on 19 Sep 1952; activated on 20 Oct 1952; inactivated on 25 Sep 1953) and the 17th Special Operations Squadron (constituted on 11 Apr 1969; activated on 1 Jun 1969; inactivated on 30 Sep 1971). Activated on 1 Aug 1989.

Assignments

71st Observation (later, 71st Reconnaissance; 71st Tactical Reconnaissance; 71st Reconnaissance) Group, 2 Mar 1942 (attached to 91st Reconnaissance Wing, c. 21 Oct–9 Nov 1945, and to V Bomber Command, 10 Nov 1945–31 Jan 1946); V Bomber Command, 1 Feb–27 Apr 1946. Western Air Defense Force, 20 Oct 1952–25 Sep 1953. 14th Special Operations Wing, 1 Jun 1969–30 Sep 1971. 353d Special Operations Wing (later, 353d Special Operations Group) 1 Aug 1989–.

Stations

Providence, RI, 2 Mar 1942; Salinas AAB, CA, 2 Mar 1942; Esler Field, LA, 24 Jan 1943; Laurel AAFld, MS, 31 Mar–24 Sep 1943; Milne Bay, New Guinea, 6 Nov 1943; Dobodura, New Guinea, 22 Nov 1943; Finschhafen, New Guinea, Mar–30 Jun 1944 (air echelon at Wakde, 25 May–10 Jun 1944, and at Biak after 27 Jun 1944); Biak, 29 Jul 1944; Tacloban, Leyte, 2 Nov 1944 (air echelon primarily at Biak to c. 23 Dec 1944 and at San Jose, Mindoro, after 23 Dec 1944); San Jose, Mindoro, 7 Jan 1945; Lingayen, Luzon, 4 Apr 1945; Ie Shima, 29 Jul 1945 (detachment at Lingayen, Luzon, to Sep 1945); Yokota AB, Japan, 26 Oct 1945–27 Apr 1946. McChord AFB, WA, 20 Oct 1952–25 Sep 1953. Nha Trang AB, South Vietnam, 1 Jun 1969; Phan Rang AB, South Vietnam, 15 Aug 1969–30 Sep 1971. Kadena AB, Japan, 1 Aug 1989–.

Aircraft

L–1, O–46, O–47, and O–52, 1942; A–20, P–39, and P–40, 1942–1943; B–25, 1943–1946. None, 1952–1953. AC–119, 1969–1971. HC–130, 1989–.

Operations

Antisubmarine patrols off west coast of US, c. May–c. Sep 1942; Combat in Southwest and Western Pacific, 28 Jan 1944–25 Jul 1945. Not manned, 1952–1953. Combat in Southeast Asia, 1 Jun 1969–30 Sep 1971. Disaster relief missions in the Philippines, 16–31 Jul 1990.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater; Air Offensive, Japan; China Defensive; New Guinea; Bismarck Archipelago; Western Pacific; Leyte; Luzon; Southern Philippines; Ryukyus; China Offensive. Vietnam: TET 69/

Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer-Fall, 1969; Vietnam Winter-Spring, 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon; Commando Hunt V; Commando Hunt VI.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Dutch New Guinea, 8 Jun 1944; Philippine Islands, 26 Dec 1944. Presidential Unit Citation: Southeast Asia, 1–30 Jun 1969. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat “V” Device: 1 Jul 1970–30 Jun 1971. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award: [1 Aug] 1989–5 Apr 1991. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII). Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 1 Jun 1969–30 Sep 1971.

Emblem

Azure, a jackal head couped and traversed Sable, garnished of the first, langued Gules, armed Argent and eyed Yellow between three mullets of four points White, all within a diminished bordure Or. Approved on 19 Jul 1993; replaced emblems approved on 28 Jun 1990 (DFSC 91–02995) and 4 May 1943 (K 2854). *MOTTO*: NO MISSION TOO DEMANDING. Approved on 31 Jul 1990.



18th Fighter Squadron

Constituted 18th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) on 22 Dec 1939. Activated on 1 Feb 1940. Redesignated: 18th Fighter Squadron on 15 May 1942; 18th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, 20 Aug 1943; 18th Fighter Squadron, Two Engine, on 6 Mar 1945. Inactivated on 15 Aug 1946. Redesignated 18th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron on 10 Oct 1952. Activated on 1 Dec 1952. Inactivated on 15 Apr 1971. Redesignated 18th Tactical Fighter Squadron on 19 Sep 1977. Activated on 1 Oct 1977. Redesignated 18th Fighter Squadron on 1 Jul 1991.

Assignments

35th Pursuit Group, 1 Feb 1940; 28th Composite Group, c. 24 Feb 1941; XI Fighter Command, 7 Jun 1942; 343d Fighter Group, 11 Sep 1942–15 Aug 1946. 31st Air Division, 1 Dec 1952; 514th Air Defense Group, 16 Feb 1953; 11th Air Division, 1 Sep 1954; 5001st Air Defense Group, 20 Sep 1954; 11th Air Division, 1 Oct 1955; 412th Fighter Group, 20 Aug 1957; 30th Air Division, 1 Apr 1960; 478th Fighter Group, 1 May 1960; 478th Fighter Wing, 1 Feb 1961; Grand Forks Air Defense Sector, 1 Jul 1963; Duluth Air Defense Sector, 4 Sep 1963; 29th Air Division, 1 Apr 1966; 28th Air Division, 15 Sep 1969; 24th Air Division, 19 Nov 1969–15 Apr 1971. 21st Composite Wing, 1 Oct 1977; 343d Tactical Fighter Group, 15 Nov 1977; 21st Tactical Fighter Wing, 1 Jan 1980; 343d Composite (later, 343d Tactical Fighter) Wing, 1 Jan 1982; 343d Operations Group, 1 Jul 1991; 354th Operations Group, 20 Aug 1993–.

Stations

Moffett Field, CA, 1 Feb 1940; Hamilton Field, CA, 10 Sep 1940–8 Feb 1941; Elmendorf Field, AK, 21 Feb 1941; Ft Greely, AK, 18 Apr–23 Nov 1942; Adak, 6 Dec 1942; Amchitka, 15 Feb 1943; Attu, 28 Mar 1944; Elmendorf Field, AK, 6 Nov 1945; Ladd Field, AK, 20 Jun–15 Aug 1946. Minneapolis–St Paul Intl Aprt, MN, 1 Dec 1952; Ladd AFB, AK, 28 Aug 1954; Wurtsmith AFB, MI, 20 Aug 1957; Grand Forks AFB, ND, 1 May 1960–15 Apr 1971. Elmendorf AFB, AK, 1 Oct 1977; Eielson AFB, AK, 1 Jan 1982–.

Aircraft

P–36, 1940–1941; P–40, 1941–1945; P–39, 1943; P–38, 1943–1946; P–51, 1946. F–51, 1952–1953; F–86, 1953–1954; F–89, 1954–1957; F–102, 1957–1960; F–101, 1960–1971; T–33, 1960–1971. F–4, 1977–1981; A–10, 1982–1991; F–16, 1991–.

Operations

Combat in Northern Pacific, and defense of Alaska, during World War II. Air Defense of US, 1952–1971 and 1977–1982. Close air support for Alaskan/PACAF areas of responsibility, 1982–.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Aleutian Islands; Air Combat, Asiatic–Pacific Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jun 1962–31 May 1964; 7 Jun 1966–8 Jun 1968; 1 Jan–31 Dec 1978; 1 Jan 1983–30 Jun 1984; 1 Jul 1985–30 Jun 1987; 1 Jan 1988–31 Dec 1989; 1 Jul 1990–30 Jun 1992.

Emblem

Or, a cloud arcing fesswise in base throughout Argent outlined Sable supporting a fox caricature erect Azure, outlined Celeste, eyed and langued Gules, eyes garnished of the first, grasping in its forepaws a machine gun bendwise Black garnished Light Blue and White firing lightning bolts to base Red and surmounting a lightning flash issuing from dexter chief bendwise of the second outlined Black, all within a diminished bordure of the last. Approved on 10 Nov 1944 and reinstated in Nov 1995; replaced emblem approved on 15 Mar 1978 (K65318).



18th Flight Test Squadron

Constituted 18th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 20 Nov 1940. Activated on 15 Jan 1941. Redesignated 18th Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, on 20 Aug 1943. Inactivated on 28 Aug 1945. Consolidated (19 Sep 1985) with the 18th Special Operations Squadron, which was constituted on 18 Jan 1969. Activated on 25 Jan 1969. Inactivated on 31 Dec 1972. Redesignated 18th Test Squadron on 1 Jul 1991. Activated on 15 Jul 1991. Redesignated 18th Flight Test Squadron on 23 Mar 1994. Inactivated on 1 Apr 1994. Activated on 1 Apr 1994.

Assignments

34th Bombardment Group, 15 Jan 1941–28 Aug 1945. 1st Special Operations Wing, 25 Jan 1969; 4410th Combat Crew Training Wing, 15 Jul 1969; 14th Special Operations Wing, 1 Oct 1969; 56th Special Operations Wing, 25 Aug 1971–31 Dec 1972. Special Missions Operational Test and Evaluation Center, 15 Jul 1991–1 Apr 1994. Air Force Special Operations Command, 1 Apr 1994–.

Stations

Langley Field, VA, 15 Jan 1941; Westover Field, MA, 29 May 1941; Pendleton Field, OR, 27 Jan 1942; Davis-Monthan Field, AZ, 13 May 1942; Geiger Field, WA, 4 Jul 1942; Ephrata AAB, WA, 1 Dec 1942; Blythe AAFld, CA, 7 Dec 1942; Salinas AAB, CA, c. 29 May 1943 (operated from Kern Co Aprt, Bakersfield, CA, 22 Jun–13 Jul 1943); Blythe AAFld, CA, 13 Jul 1943–c. 2 Apr 1944; Mendlesham, England, 23 Apr 1944–24 Jul 1945; Sioux Falls AAFld, SD, c. 13–28 Aug 1945. Lockbourne AFB, OH, 25 Jan–1 Oct 1969; Phan Rang AB, South Vietnam, Oct 1969; Nakhon Phanom RTAFB, Thailand, 25 Aug 1971–31 Dec 1972. Edwards AFB, CA, 15 Jul 1991–1 Apr 1994. Hurlburt Field, FL, 1 Apr 1994–.

Aircraft

PT–17, 1941; LB–30, 1941; B–18, 1941; B–17, 1941–1943, 1944–1945; B–24, 1943–1944. AC–119, 1969–1972.

Operations

Antisubmarine patrols, Dec 1941–Oct 1942. Combat in ETO, 23 May 1944–20 Apr 1945. Combat in Southeast Asia, 13 Nov 1969–2 Nov 1972. Tested development of the AC–130U, Jul 1991–1994.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater; Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater. Vietnam: Vietnam Summer-Fall, 1969; Vietnam Winter-Spring, 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon; Commando Hunt V; Commando Hunt VI; Commando Hunt VII; Vietnam Ceasefire.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Presidential Unit Citation: Southeast Asia, 1 Apr–31 Dec 1972. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards With Combat “V” Device: 1 Jul 1970–30 Jun 1971; 25 Aug–30 Nov 1971; 1 Dec 1971–29 Feb 1972; 8 Apr–13 May 1972. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: [Oct] 1969–31 Dec 1972.

Emblem

Azure, between a stylized vol Argent a spearhead Or garnished Sable surmounted at tip by a scale of the last, all within a diminished border Or. Approved on 13 Jul 1992 (DFSC 92–10186); replaced emblems approved on 16 Dec 1969 (KE 33767) and 20 Mar 1942 (K 2663).



18th Space Surveillance Squadron

Constituted 18th Surveillance Squadron, and activated, on 1 Nov 1966. Organized on 1 Jan 1967. Inactivated on 1 Oct 1975. Activated on 1 Feb 1990. Redesignated 18th Space Surveillance Squadron on 15 May 1992.

Assignments

Air Defense Command, 1 Nov 1966; 73d Aerospace Surveillance Wing, 1 Jan 1967; Fourteenth Aerospace Force, 30 Apr 1971–1 Oct 1975. 1st Space Wing, 1 Feb 1990; 73d Space Surveillance (later, 73d Space) Group, 1 Jul 1991; 21st Operations Group, 26 Apr 1995–.

Stations

Edwards AFB, CA, 1 Jan 1967–1 Oct 1975. Peterson AFB, CO, 1 Feb 1990; Edwards AFB, CA, 1 Nov 1994–.

Aircraft

None.

Operations

Operated Baker-Nunn satellite tracking cameras, Jan 1967–Oct 1975, and the Ground-based Electro-Optical Deep Space Surveillance System, Feb 1990–.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award: 8 Jul 1970–7 Jul 1971.

Emblem

Per fess Azure and Celeste, the base gridlined in perspective Sable a bald eagle volant Proper grasping a flight symbol in its talons Gray below in chief a mullet of four Or; all within a diminished bordure of the like. *MOTTO*: SEMPER VIGILANS IN SINE ALTO—Ever Vigilant in the High Frontier. Approved on 18 Jul 1995; replaced emblem approved on 29 Aug 1968 (KE 31365).



19th Airlift Squadron

Constituted 19th Transport Squadron on 22 Nov 1940. Activated on 1 Jan 1941.
Redesignated 19th Troop Carrier Squadron on 5 Jul 1942. Inactivated on 26 Aug 1948.
Redesignated 19th Troop Carrier Squadron, Medium, on 23 May 1952. Activated on 10 Jun 1952. Inactivated on 18 Jan 1955. Consolidated (1 Apr 1992) with the 1403d Military Airlift Squadron, which was designated, and activated, on 1 Aug 1984.
Redesignated 19th Airlift Squadron on 1 Apr 1992.

Assignments

Hawaiian (later, Seventh) Air Force, 1 Jan 1941; VI Air Service Area Command, 15 Aug 1944; AAF, Middle Pacific, 15 Dec 1945; Pacific Air Command, 1 Jan 1946; 403d Troop Carrier Group, 31 May 1946; 374th Troop Carrier Group, 15 Oct 1946; Seventh Air Force (later, Pacific Air Command), 1 Jan 1947; Ninth Air Force, 17–26 Aug 1948 (attached to Airlift Task Force [Prov], Jul–26 Aug 1948). 315th Troop Carrier Group, 10 Jun 1952–18 Jan 1955. 316th Tactical Airlift Group, 1 Aug 1984; 374th Tactical Airlift Wing, 1 Oct 1989; 316th Airlift Support Group, 1 Apr 1992; 374th Operations Group, 1 Jun 1992; 60th Operations Group, 1 Oct 1993–.

Stations

Hickam Field, TH, 1 Jan 1941; John Rogers Aprt, TH, 29 May 1942; Hickam Field, TH, 1946; Bergstrom AFB, TX, 17–26 Aug 1948 (detachment operated from Rhein–Main AB, Germany, 2 Jul–26 Aug 1948). Brady AB, Japan, 10 Jun 1952–18 Jan 1955. Yokota AB, Japan, 1 Aug 1984–1 Oct 1993; Travis AFB, CA, 1 Oct 1993–.

Aircraft

C–33, 1941–1942; C–53, 1942–1945; C–57, 1943–1946; C–47, 1943–1946; C–45, 1944–1946; C–54, 1946–1948; C–46, 1946–1948. C–46, 1952–1954. C–12, 1984–; C–21, 1985–.

Operations

Aerial transportation in the Hawaiian Islands and to forward bases in the Pacific during World War II; during the Berlin Airlift, Jul–Aug 1948; and between Japan and Korea, 10 Jun 1952–27 Jul 1953. Provided intratheater airlift for high-ranking PACAF and civilian officials and small mission–essential equipment, 1984–1993.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Central Pacific; Eastern Mandates; Western Pacific. Korea: Korea Summer–Fall, 1952; Third Korean Winter; Korea, Summer 1953.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers.

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Aug 1984–30 Jun 1985; 1 Jul 1987–30 Jun 1989. Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation: [10 Jun 1952]–27 Jul 1953.

Emblem

On a disc per fess debased, border Black, a stylized White cargo aircraft, edged Black, flying into sky portion of Ultramarine Blue, charged with the Southern Cross constellation White, all over the Golden Yellow moon rising, flecked with clouds of Grey and Yellow, behind Black silhouette outline of islands and palm trees resting on Dark Blue water segment in base, marked with Golden Yellow moon rays. Approved on 5 Jun 1953 (K 7070) as modification of emblem approved on 30 May 1944 (28653 A.C.); reinstated on 4 Oct 1993 to replace emblem approved on 26 Jun 1986.



19th Fighter Squadron

Organized as 14th Aero Squadron on 14 Jun 1917. Redesignated 19th Aero Squadron on 26 Jun 1917. Demobilized on 14 Apr 1919. Reconstituted, and consolidated (20 Dec 1923) with 19th Squadron, which was authorized on 30 Aug 1921. Organized on 1 Oct 1921. Inactivated on 29 Jun 1922. Redesignated 19th Pursuit Squadron on 25 Jan 1923. Activated on 1 May 1923. Redesignated: 19th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) on 6 Dec 1939; 19th Fighter Squadron, on 15 May 1942; 19th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 20 Aug 1943. Inactivated on 12 Jan 1946. Redesignated 19th Tactical Fighter Squadron on 11 Dec 1981. Activated on 1 Apr 1982. Redesignated 19th Fighter Squadron on 1 Nov 1991. Inactivated on 31 Dec 1993. Activated on 1 Jan 1994.

Assignments

Unkn, 14 Jun 1917–Feb 1918; Seventh Aviation Instruction Center, Feb–Dec 1918; unkn, Jan–Apr 1919. Ninth Corps Area, 1 Oct 1921–29 Jun 1922. 17th Composite Group, 1 May 1923; 5th Composite Group, 15 Jan 1924; 18th Pursuit (later, 18th Fighter) Group, Jan 1927; 318th Fighter Group, 16 Mar 1943–12 Jan 1946. 363d Tactical Fighter (later, 363d Fighter) Wing, 1 Apr 1982; 363d Operations Group, 1 May 1992–31 Dec 1993. 3d Operations Group, 1 Jan 1994–.

Stations

Camp Kelly, TX, 14 Jun 1917; Wilbur Wright Field, OH, 1 Aug 1917; Garden City, NY, 31 Oct–3 Dec 1917; St Maxient, France, 1 Jan 1918; Clermont–Ferrand, France, 6 Feb 1918; Cenac–Bordeaux, France, c. 29 Dec 1918–c. 18 Mar 1919; Mitchel Field, NY, c. 5–14 Apr 1919. March Field, CA, 1 Oct 1921–29 Jun 1922. Wheeler Field, TH, 1 May 1923; Luke Field, TH, 15 Jan 1924; Wheeler Field, TH, 11 Jan 1927; Bellows Field, TH, 20 Feb 1942; Kualoa Field, TH, 22 May 1942; Bellows Field, TH, 20 Oct 1942; Barbers Point, TH, 9 Feb 1943; Kipapa Field, TH, 30 May 1943; Stanley Field, TH, 4 Sep 1943; Kualoa Field, TH, 26 Dec 1943; Bellows Field, TH, 18 Apr 1944; Saipan, 29 Jun 1944; Ie Shima, 30 Apr 1945; Okinawa, Nov–Dec 1945; Ft Lewis, WA, 11–12 Jan 1946. Shaw AFB, SC, 1 Apr 1982–31 Dec 1993. Elmendorf AFB, AK, 1 Jan 1994–.

Aircraft

Apparently included JN–6 and SE–5, 1921–1922. In addition to MB–3 and SE–5, included DH–4 and JN–6 during period 1923–1926; primarily PW–9 during period 1927–1930; primarily P–12 during period 1931–1937; in addition to P–26 and P–36, included A–12, BT–9, OA–3, and P–12 during period 1938–1941; P–40, 1941–1943; P–47, 1943–1945; P–38, 1944–1945. F–16, 1982–1993.

Operations

Maintained aircraft, 1918. Caught on the ground in Hawaii, 7 Dec 1941. Patrols over the Pacific and training in Hawaii, Feb 1942–Apr 1944. Combat in Western Pacific, 22 Jun 1944–14 Aug 1945.

Service Streamers

World War I Theater of Operations.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Central Pacific; Air Offensive, Japan; Eastern Mandates; Western Pacific; Ryukyus; China Offensive; Air Combat, Asiatic-Pacific Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award: [1 Apr 1982]–1 Jun 1983.

Emblem

Or, a gamecock rising Gules, neck and tail Sable, garnished on the wing of the first, spurred Argent; a bordure Azure charged with nineteen mullets Argent, each wreathed of five plates diminished of the like, within a diminished bordure Sable. Approved on 12 Nov 1993 (DFSC 94–02413); replaced emblems approved on 10 Dec 1981 (DFSC 82–01580), and 20 Apr 1928 (K 4522).



19th Space Surveillance Squadron

Constituted 19th Surveillance Squadron and activated on 1 Nov 1966. Organized on 1 Jan 1967. Redesignated 19th Space Surveillance Squadron on 15 May 1992.

Assignments

Air Defense Command, 1 Nov 1966; 73d Aerospace Surveillance Wing, 1 Jan 1967; Fourteenth Aerospace Force, 30 Apr 1971; 21 Air Division, 1 Oct 1976; 7th Air Division, 1 Dec 1979; 1st Space Wing, 1 May 1983; 73d Space Surveillance (later, 73d Space) Group, 1 Oct 1991; 21st Operations Group, 26 Apr 1995–.

Stations

Pirinclik, Turkey, 1 Jan 1967–.

Aircraft

None.

Operations

Operated detection and tracking radar units to provide data on missile launches, deep space surveillance and tactical warning, Jan 1967–Jul 1975 and Oct 1978–; not operational, Jul–1975–Oct 1978.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 15 Jun 1972–14 Jun 1973; 1 May 1983–30 Apr 1984.

Emblem

On a Blue disc within a narrow Yellow border, a Yellow annulet voided of the field, surmounted by a Red inverted triangle charged in the top of the disk by a Black flight symbol. Approved on 15 Dec 1967 (KE 28374).



20th Airlift Squadron

Constituted 20th Air Corps Ferrying Squadron on 18 Feb 1942. Activated on 1 Mar 1942. Redesignated 20th Transport Squadron on 19 Mar 1943. Disbanded on 1 Sep 1943. Reconstituted, and redesignated 20th Air Transport Squadron, Medium, on 20 Jun 1952. Activated on 20 Jul 1952. Redesignated: 20th Air Transport Squadron, Heavy, on 18 Apr 1954; 20th Troop Carrier Squadron, Heavy, on 1 Jan 1965; 20th Air Transport Squadron, Heavy, on 1 Jul 1965; 20th Military Airlift Squadron on 15 Jan 1966; 20 Airlift Squadron on 1 Oct 1991.

Assignments

Air Corps Ferrying Command, 1 Mar 1942; 23d AAF Ferrying Wing (later, North Atlantic Wing, ATC), 19 Jun 1942–1 Sep 1943. 1600th Air Transport Group, 20 Jul 1952; 1607th Air Transport Group, 15 May 1955; 1607th Air Transport Wing, 18 Jan 1963; 436th Military Airlift Wing, 8 Jan 1966; 437th Military Airlift Wing, 1 Aug 1973; 437th Operations Group, 1 Oct 1991; 60th Operations Group, 1 Oct 1993–.

Stations

Houlton AAB, ME, 1 Mar 1942–1 Sep 1943. Westover AFB, MA 20 Jul 1952; Dover AFB, DE 15 May 1955; Charleston AFB, SC, 1 Aug 1973; Travis AFB, CA, 1 Oct 1993–.

Aircraft

Unkn, 1942–1943. C–54, 1952–1954; C–124, 1954–1965; C–141, 1965–.

Operations

Ferried aircraft to the United Kingdom along the North Atlantic route, 1942–1943. Inter-theater and strategic airlift to Europe, North Africa, and Canada, 1952–1965. Worldwide airlift, beginning 1965, including support of operations in Southeast Asia, 1965–1973; the evacuation of South Vietnam, Apr 1975; Grenada, Oct–Dec 1983; Panama, 18–27 Dec 1989; Southwest Asia, Aug 1990–Dec 1991.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Panama, 1989–1990.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 13 Nov–18 Dec 1967; 1 Jan 1968–31 Dec 1969; 1 Sep 1971–30 Jun 1972; 1 Jul 1982–30 Jun 1984; 1 Jul 1984–30 Jun 1986; 1 Jul 1988–30 Jun 1989; 1 Jul 1989–30 Jun 1990; 21 Sep 1989–31 Oct 1989. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 1 Apr 1966–28 Jan 1973.

Emblem

On a disc Azure, a Roman numeral XX, Tenne, in fess, between a cloud formation, in chief, proper, and a point in base embattled Or, edged of the last. MOTTO: FIRMITAS PER MOBILITATEM—Strength through Mobility. Approved on 5 Dec 1956 (156048 A.C.).



20th Bomb Squadron

Organized as 20th Aero Squadron on 26 Jun 1917. Redesignated: 20th Squadron on 14 Mar 1921; 20th Bombardment Squadron on 25 Jan 1923; 20th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 6 Dec 1939; 20th Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, on 26 Mar 1943. Inactivated on 28 Feb 1946. Redesignated 20th Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, on 5 Apr 1946. Activated on 1 Jul 1947. Redesignated: 20th Bombardment Squadron, Medium, on 28 May 1948; 20th Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, on 1 Apr 1963; 20th Bomb Squadron on 1 Sep 1991.

Assignments

Unkn, 26 Jun 1917–9 Sep 1918; 1st Day Bombardment Group, 10 Sep 1918; unkn, Nov 1918–18 Sep 1919; 1st Day Bombardment (later, 2d Bombardment) Group, 18 Sep 1919–28 Feb 1946. 2d Bombardment Group, 1 Jul 1947 (attached to 3d Air Division, 6 Aug–16 Nov 1948; 2d Bombardment Wing, 10 Feb 1951–15 Jun 1952); 2d Bombardment Wing, 16 Jun 1952; 7th Bombardment Wing, 25 Jun 1965; 7th Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991; 2d Operations Group, 18 Dec 1992–.

Stations

Camp Kelly, TX, 26 Jun 1917; Wilbur Wright Field, OH, 31 Jun 1917; Garden City, NY, 1 Nov–17 Dec 1917; Stamford, England, 7 Jan 1918; Delouze, France, 26 Aug 1918; Amanty, France, 7 Sep 1918; Maulan, France, 23 Sep 1918; Colombey-les-Belles, France, 17 Jan 1919; Guitres, France, 19 Jan 1919; St. Denis de Pile, France, 14 Feb 1919; Libourne (Bordeaux), France, 27 Feb–20 Apr 1919; Mitchel Field, NY, 2 May 1919; Ellington Field, TX, Jun 1919; Kelly Field, TX, 24 Sep 1919; Langley Field, VA, 30 Jun 1922 (Operated from Mitchel Field, NY, 8 Dec 1941–24 Jan 1942); Ephrata, WA, 29 Oct 1942; Great Falls AAB, MT, 28 Nov 1942–13 Mar 1943; Navarin, Algeria, 25 Apr 1943; Chateau-dun-du-Rhumel, Algeria, 27 Apr 1943; Ain M'Lila, Algeria, 17 Jun 1943; Massicault, Tunisia, 31 Jul 1943; Amendola, Italy, 8 Dec 1943; Foggia, Italy, 10 Oct 1945–28 Feb 1946. Andrews Field, MD, 1 Jul 1947; Davis-Monthan Field (later, AFB), AZ, 24 Sep 1947 (deployed at Lakenheath RAF Station, England, 6 Aug–16 Nov 1948); Chatham AFB, GA, 1 May 1949; Hunter AFB, GA, 29 Sep 1950 (deployed at Wyton RAF Station, England, 4 May–7 Sep 1951; Upper Heyford RAF, England, 6 Sep–3 Dec 1952; Sidi Slimane AB, French Morocco, 5 Aug–30 Sep 1954, 3–7 Nov 1955, 8–18 Mar 1956, and 6 Jul–26 Aug 1956; RAF Lakenheath, England; 10–18 Mar 1958); Barksdale AFB, LA, 1 Apr 1963; Carswell AFB, TX, 25 Jun 1965; Barksdale AFB, LA, 17 Dec 1992–.

Aircraft

DH-4; 1918–c. 1927; MB-2 (NBS-1), 1921–1927; O-400, 1921–unkn; XLB-1, 1927 (service test); XLB-5, 1927 (service test); LB-5, 1927–1929; LB-6, 1929–unkn; LB-7, 1929–unkn; B-3, 1931–unkn; B-5, 1931; B-6, 1932–1935; Y1B-9, 1932–1936; B-2, 1935–unkn; YB-10, 1936–1937; B-10, 1936–unkn; YB-12, 1936–1937; YB-17, 1937–1941 (service test); B-17, 1937–1945; B-18, 1938–1942; BC-1, 1938–unkn; B-23, c. 1939; A-17,

c. 1939–1940; A-20, c. 1940–unkn; B-34, c. 1941–unkn; B-25, 1941–1942; B-29, 1947–1950; B-50, 1949–1953; B-47, 1954–1963; B-52, 1963–.

Operations

Combat as day bombardment unit with First Army, 14 Sep–5 Nov 1918; demonstrated effectiveness of aerial bombardment on warships, 5 Sep 1923; good-will flights to South America, 1938, 1939. Antisubmarine patrols, 8 Dec 1941–c. 28 Oct 1942; combat in MTO and ETO, 28 Apr 1943–1 May 1945. Electronic countermeasures testing and evaluation, May 1950–May 1952. Deployed B-52s and aircrews for combat in Southeast Asia, Sep 1969–Mar 1970.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War I: St. Mihiel; Lorraine; Meuse-Argonne. World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater; Air Offensive, Europe; Tunisia; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Anzio; Rome-Arno; Normandy; Northern France; Southern France; North Apennines; Rhineland; Central Europe; Po Valley; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Steyr, Austria, 24 Feb 1944; Germany, 25 Feb 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat "V" Device: 1 Sep 1969–28 Mar 1970. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Nov 1956–1 Apr 1957; 21 Jun–1 Dec 1965; 1 Jul 1976–30 Jun 1977; 1 Jul 1984–30 Jun 1986. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 1 Sep 1969–28 Mar 1970.

Emblem

On a White disc, edged Black, a pirate running habited with a Black cape, a Brown blouse, collared Black; a White sash, trimmed Black; trousers and leggings, Black with White laces; on his head a cap of Red and White; the right foot resting on a horizontal aerial bomb, Red, thereon a White strip marked with eleven Maltese crosses Black, and hurling a hand grenade Black, fired proper. Approved on 12 Jun 1924 (8543 A.C.), slightly modified in Jun 1994.



20th Fighter Squadron

Constituted 20th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) on 22 Dec 1939. Activated on 1 Feb 1940. Inactivated on 2 Apr 1946. Redesignated 20th Tactical Fighter Training Squadron on 27 Oct 1972. Activated on 1 Dec 1972. Redesignated 20th Fighter Squadron on 1 Nov 1991. Inactivated on 8 Jul 1992. Activated on 1 Jul 1993.

Assignments

35th Pursuit Group, 1 Feb 1940; 4th Composite Group, 14 Dec 1940; 24th Pursuit Group, 1 Oct 1941–2 Apr 1946. 35th Tactical Fighter (later, 35th Tactical Training; 35th Tactical Fighter; 35th Fighter) Wing, 1 Dec 1972–8 Jul 1992. 49th Operations Group, 1 Jul 1993–.

Stations

Moffett Field, CA, 1 Feb 1940; Hamilton Field, CA, 10 Sep–30 Oct 1940; Nichols Field, Luzon, c. 18 Nov 1940; Clark Field, Luzon, Jul 1941; Bataan, Luzon, 25 Dec 1941–Apr 1942 (operated from Lubao, Luzon, 25–31 Dec 1941, and from Mindanao, c. 8 Apr–May 1942). George AFB, CA, 1 Dec 1972; Holloman AFB, NM, 5 Jun–8 Jul 1992. Holloman AFB, NM, 1 Jul 1993–.

Aircraft

P–36, 1940; P–26, 1940–1941; P–35, 1941; P–40, 1941–1942. F–4, 1972–1992.

Operations

Combat in the Philippine Islands, 8 Dec 1941–c. 1 May 1942; ground echelon fought as infantry unit in Bataan, 18 Jan–c. 8 Apr 1942. Carried as an active unit but was not operational from the fall of the Philippines until 2 Apr 1946. Trained German Air Force aircrews in the F–4, Sep 1973–Jun 1992.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

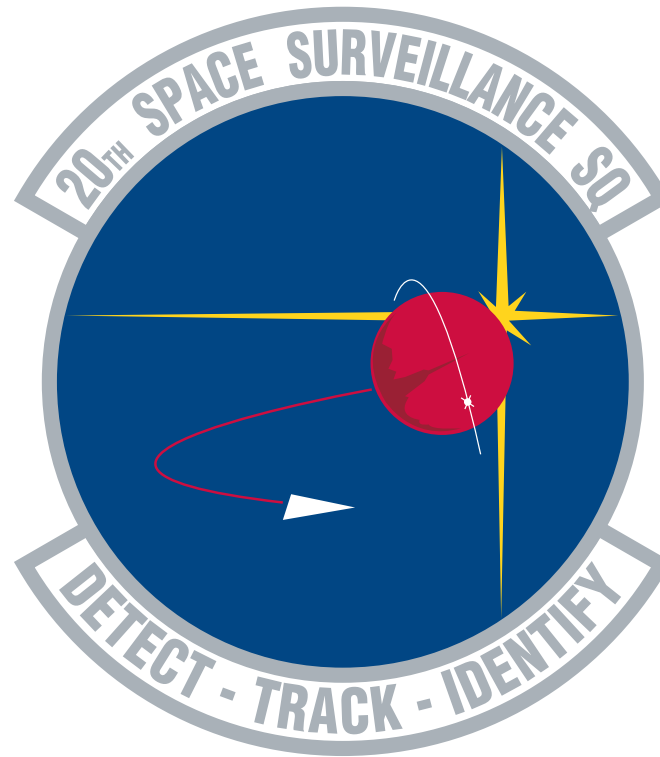
World War II: Philippine Islands.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Philippine Islands, 7 Dec 1941–10 May 1942; Philippine Islands, 8–22 Dec 1941; Philippine Islands, 6 Jan–8 Mar 1942. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 2 Feb 1976–31 Mar 1977; 1 Jun 1985–31 May 1987; 1 Mar 1990–29 Feb 1992. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII).

Emblem

Azure a wolf head couped and issuant from dexter chief Argent (Silver Gray) garnished Sable eyed Gules and armed Argent, within an annulet of the second edged Black. *MOTTO*: SILVER LOBOS. Approved on 17 Oct 1994 (DFSC 95–00347); replaced emblem approved on 4 Mar 1977 (KE 62159).



20th Space Surveillance Squadron

Constituted 20th Surveillance Squadron, and activated, on 9 Nov 1966. Organized on 1 Jan 1967. Redesignated: 20th Missile Warning Squadron on 1 Jul 1979; 20th Surveillance Squadron on 31 May 1987; 20th Space Surveillance Squadron on 15 May 1992.

Assignments

Air Defense Command, 9 Nov 1966; 73d Aerospace Surveillance Wing, 1 Jan 1967; Fourteenth Aerospace Force, 30 Apr 1971; 20th Air Division, 1 Oct 1976; Aerospace Defense Command, 1 Oct 1979; 42d Air Division, 1 Dec 1979; 1st Space Wing, 1 May 1983; 73d Space Surveillance (later, 73d Space) Group, 1 Aug 1991; 21st Operations Group, 26 Apr 1995–.

Stations

Eglin AFB, FL, 1 Jan 1967–.

Aircraft

None.

Operations

Tracked near-earth and deep-space satellites and objects, Sep 1968–.
Performed a submarine-launched missile warning mission, 1975–1987.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 7 Jan 1969–25 May 1970; 1 Jan 1972–30 Jun 1973; 1 Jul 1974–30 Jun 1975; 1 Jul 1977–30 Jun 1978; 1 May 1983–30 Apr 1984.

Emblem

Azure, a mullet of eight per pale and per fess enhanced throughout Or, surmounted at dexter base by a torteau shaded to dexter enfiling an orbit ring bendwise charged with a mullet of four saltirewise Argent, in base a flight symbol fesswise to sinister of the last issuing a contrail arcing to the torteau Gules, all within a diminished bordure Gray. Approved on 18 Jul 1995; replaced emblem approved on 8 Mar 1968 (KE 29136). *MOTTO*: DETECT—TRACK—IDENTIFY. Approved on 8 Mar 1968.



20th Special Operations Squadron

Constituted 20th Observation Squadron (Light) on 5 Feb 1942. Activated on 2 Mar 1942. Redesignated: 20th Observation Squadron on 4 Jul 1942; 20th Reconnaissance Squadron (Fighter) on 2 Apr 1943; 20th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron on 11 Aug 1943. Inactivated on 27 Nov 1945. Consolidated (19 Sep 1985) with the 20th Helicopter Squadron, which was constituted on 24 Feb 1956. Activated on 9 Jul 1956. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 8 Mar 1960. Activated on 24 Sep 1965. Organized on 8 Oct 1965. Redesignated 20th Special Operations Squadron on 1 Aug 1968. Inactivated on 1 Apr 1972. Activated on 1 Jan 1976.

Assignments

Air Force Combat Command, 2 Mar 1942; Army Air Forces, 9 Mar 1942; 76th Observation (later, 76th Reconnaissance; 76th Tactical Reconnaissance) Group, 12 Mar 1942; III Reconnaissance Command, 23 Aug 1943; Army Air Forces, India-Burma Sector, 26 Dec 1943 (attached to 5306th Photographic and Reconnaissance Group [Provisional], 26 Dec 1943–17 Jan 1944, and to Tenth Air Force, 17 Jan–7 Mar 1944); Tenth Air Force, 7 Mar 1944 (attached to 5320th Air Defense Wing [Provisional], Mar–May 1944); 8th Photographic (later, 8th Reconnaissance) Group, 25 Apr 1944; Army Air Forces, India-Burma Theater, Oct–27 Nov 1945. Eighteenth Air Force, 9 Jul 1956 (attached to 314th Troop Carrier Wing, 9 Jul 1956–); Ninth Air Force, 1 Sep 1957–8 Mar 1960 (remained attached to 314th Troop Carrier Wing to 16 Jul 1959; attached to 354th Tactical Fighter Wing, 16 Jul 1959–8 Mar 1960). Pacific Air Forces, 24 Sep 1965; 2d Air Division, 8 Oct 1965 (attached to 6250th Combat Support Group, c. 10 Dec 1965–8 Mar 1966); 14th Air Commando (later, 14th Special Operations) Wing, 8 Mar 1966; 483d Tactical Airlift Wing, 1 Sep 1971–1 Apr 1972. 1st Special Operations Wing, 1 Jan 1976; 1st Special Operations (later, 16th Operations) Group, 22 Sep 1992–.

Stations

Savannah AB, GA, 2 Mar 1942; Pope Field, NC, 28 Mar 1942; Vichy AAB, MO, 14 Dec 1942; Morris Field, NC, 8 May 1943; Key Field, MS, 31 Aug–8 Nov 1943; Camp Anza, CA, 11–c. 17 Nov 1943; Bombay, India, 26 Dec 1943; Camp Deolali, India, 28 Dec 1943; Guskhara, India, 5 Jan 1944 (flight operated from Kisselbari, India, 6–25 Mar 1944); Kisselbari, India, 26 Mar 1944 (operated from Dinjan, India, 1 May–20 Jun 1944; detachment at Tingkaw Sakan, Burma, 21 May–20 Jun 1944; operated from Tingkaw Sakan, Burma, 21 Jun–c. 10 Nov 1944; detachment at Myitkyina, Burma, 10 Jul–c. 25 Aug 1944); Myitkyina, Burma, c. 9 Nov 1944 (flight operated from Akyab, Burma, 12 Apr–22 May 1945); Nagaghuli, India, c. 20 Apr 1945; Dergaon, India, 6 Jul 1945; Piardoba, India, Sep–4 Nov 1945; Camp Kilmer, NJ, 26–27 Nov 1945. Sewart AFB, TN, 9 Jul 1956; Myrtle Beach AFB, SC, 16 Jul 1959–8 Mar 1960. Tan Son Nhut AB, South Vietnam, 8 Oct 1965; Nha Trang AB, South Vietnam, 15 Jun 1966; Tuy Hoa AB, South Vietnam, 5 Sep 1969; Cam Ranh Bay AB, South Vietnam, 25 Sep 1970–1 Apr 1972. Eglin AF Auxiliary Field No. 9 (Hurlburt Field), FL, 1 Jan 1976–.

Aircraft

A–20, DB–7, L–1, L–4, and P–43, 1942–1943; P–40, 1942–1945; L–5, 1942–1945; B–25, 1942–1945; P–51/F–6, 1945. H–21, 1956–1960. CH–3, 1965–1969; UH–1, 1967–1972. UH–1, 1976–1985; CH–3, 1976–1980; MH–53, 1980–.

Operations

Trained in aerial reconnaissance, Mar 1942–Dec 1943. Combat in CBI, 31 Jan 1944–5 May 1945. Trained using special operations helicopters, 1956–1960. Combat in Southeast Asia, Dec 1965–Mar 1972. Trained in special operations and conducted humanitarian missions, 1976–. Combat in Panama, Dec 1989–Jan 1990, and Kuwait, Jan–Feb 1991.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: India-Burma; Central Burma; China Defensive. Vietnam: Vietnam Defensive; Vietnam Air; Vietnam Air Offensive; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air/Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; TET 69/Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer-Fall, 1969; Vietnam Winter-Spring, 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon; Commando Hunt V; Commando Hunt VI; Commando Hunt VII; Vietnam Ceasefire. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Panama, 1989–1990.

Decorations

Presidential Unit Citations: (Southeast Asia), 8 Mar 1966–7 Mar 1967; 21 Jun 1968–30 Jun 1969. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat “V” Device: 10 Jan–12 Mar 1966; 1 Nov 1966–1 Apr 1967; 16 Jun 1967–20 Jun 1968; 1 Jul 1967–30 Jun 1968; 1 Jul 1970–30 Jun 1971; 1 Sep 1971–31 Dec 1971; 1 May 1982–30 Apr 1984. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jan 1976–31 Mar 1977; 6 Nov 1978–2 Mar 1979; 15 Jul 1979–15 May 1980; 16 May 1980–30 Apr 1982; 1 May 1985–30 Apr 1987; 1 May 1988–30 Apr 1990; 16 Apr 1992–15 Apr 1994. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Crosses with Palm: 1 Jan–30 Aug 1968; 16 Jun 1967–1 Apr 1972.

Emblem

Sable, a bend sinister Azure, charged on the sinister with nine mullets in bend sinister, eight Or above one Gules, debriused by a hornet Vert; each segment fimbriated of the third; all within a diminished bordure of the first.

MOTTO: GREEN HORNETS. Approved on 9 Dec 1993 (DFSC 94–02308); replaced emblems approved on 7 Jul 1958 (K 10549), 22 May 1957 (9304 A.C.), and 31 Oct 1942 (K 2883).



21st Airlift Squadron

Constituted 21st Transport Squadron on 7 Mar 1942. Activated on 3 Apr 1942.
Redesignated 21st Troop Carrier Squadron on 5 Jul 1942. Inactivated on 31 Jan 1946.
Activated on 15 Oct 1946. Redesignated: 21st Troop Carrier Squadron, Heavy, on
21 May 1948; 21st Troop Carrier Squadron, Medium, on 2 Feb 1951; 21st Troop Carrier
Squadron, Heavy, on 1 Dec 1952; 21st Troop Carrier Squadron, Medium, on 18 Sep
1956; 21st Troop Carrier Squadron on 8 Dec 1966; 21st Tactical Airlift Squadron on
1 Aug 1967; 21st Airlift Squadron on 1 Apr 1992.

Assignments

Air Transport Command, US Army Forces in Australia (later, Air Carrier Service, Air Service Command, Fifth Air Force), 3 Apr 1942; 374th Troop Carrier Group, 12 Nov 1942–31 Jan 1946 (attached to 54th Troop Carrier Wing, 2 Jul–c. 1 Sep 1944). 374th Troop Carrier Group, 15 Oct 1946 (attached to Guam Air Materiel Area, Provisional, 1 Feb–31 Aug 1947; Twentieth Air Force, 5 Mar–15 May 1949; 19th Bombardment Wing, 16 May 1949–31 Jan 1950; Thirteenth Air Force, 1–16 Feb 1950; 18th Fighter-Bomber Wing, 17 Feb–8 Jun 1950; Far East Air Forces Combat Cargo Command, Provisional, 16 Oct 1950–25 Jan 1951; 374th Troop Carrier Wing, 29 Jun 1951–27 Mar 1952; 6122d Air Base Wing, 28 Mar–14 Apr 1952; 403d Troop Carrier Wing, 14 Apr–1 Dec 1952; 374th Troop Carrier Wing, 3 Feb 1956–); 483d Troop Carrier Group, 18 Sep 1956 (remained attached to 374th Troop Carrier Wing to 1 Jul 1957; attached to 483d Troop Carrier Wing, 1 Jul 1957–7 Dec 1958); 483d Troop Carrier Wing, 8 Dec 1958; 315th Air Division, 25 Jun 1960 (attached to Detachment 1, HQ, 315th Air Division, 25 Jun 1960–20 Oct 1964; 6315th Operations Group, 20 Oct 1964–7 Aug 1966); 374th Troop Carrier (later, 374th Tactical Airlift) Wing, 8 Aug 1966; 374th Operations Group, 1 Apr 1992; 60th Operations Group, 1 Oct 1993–.

Stations

Archerfield, Australia, 3 Apr 1942; Port Moresby, New Guinea, 18 Feb 1943; Archerfield, Australia, 28 Sep 1943; Nadzab, New Guinea, 26 Aug 1944; Biak, 14 Oct 1944; Atsugi, Japan, 20 Sep 1945; Manila, Philippines, Dec 1945–31 Jan 1946. Harmon Field (later, AFB), Guam, 15 Oct 1946; Clark AFB, Philippines, 27 Jan 1950; Tachikawa AB, Japan, 29 Jun 1950; Ashiya AB, Japan, 21 Jul 1950; Brady AB, Japan, 3 Sep 1950; Itazuke AB, Japan, 24 Oct 1950; Tachikawa AB, Japan, 25 Jan 1951; Ashiya AB, Japan, 26 Jul 1951; Tachikawa AB, Japan, 18 Oct 1951; Ashiya AB, Japan, 28 Mar 1952; Tachikawa AB, Japan, 1 Dec 1952 (deployed at Kisarazu AB, Japan, 14–20 Nov 1955; advanced party at Naha AB, Okinawa, 18 Aug–14 Nov 1958); Naha AB, Okinawa, 15 Nov 1958; Ching Chuan AB, Taiwan, 31 May 1971; Clark AB, Philippines, 1 Nov 1973; Yokota AB, Japan, 1 Oct 1989–1 Oct 1993; Travis AFB, CA, 1 Oct 1993–.

Aircraft

DC–2, DC–3, C–39, C–40, C–49, C–50, C–53, C–56, C–60, B–17, B–18, and LB–30, 1942; C–47, 1942–1946; C–46, 1945–1946. C–46, 1946–1949,

1950, 1952; C–54, 1946–1950, 1952–1956; C–47, 1950–1952; C–119, 1956–1959; C–130, 1958–1971, 1971–.

Operations

Included paratroop drops at Nadzab, New Guinea, in Sep 1942 and airborne assault on Sukchon/Sunchon, Korea, in Oct 1950, as well as aerial transportation in South and Southwest Pacific during World War II and in Far East during Korean War. Continued troop carrier and transport operations in the Far East after 1953. Furnished aircraft and crews for transport and special operations in Southeast Asia, 1962–1973. Flew logistical support and evacuation missions to Cambodia, 17 Mar–12 Apr 1975, and South Vietnam, 17 Mar–29 Apr 1975. Airlift in Southwest Asia, Dec 1990–Jul 1991, and evacuation of Clark AB, Philippines, Jun–Jul 1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Papua; New Guinea; Northern Solomons; Bismarck Archipelago; Western Pacific; Leyte; Luzon; Southern Philippines. Korea: UN Defensive, with Arrowhead; UN Offensive; CCF Intervention; First UN Counteroffensive; CCF Spring Offensive; UN Summer-Fall Offensive; Second Korean Winter; Korea Summer-Fall, 1952; Third Korean Winter; Korea, Summer 1953.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Papua, 23 Jul 1942–23 Jan 1943; Papua, 12 Nov–22 Dec 1942; Wau, New Guinea, 30 Jan–1 Feb 1943; Korea, 27 Jun–15 Sep 1950; Korea, 28 Nov–10 Dec 1950; Presidential Unit Citation: Southeast Asia, 8 Aug 1967–7 Aug 1968. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat “V” Device: 12 Feb–17 May 1975. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jan–30 Jun 1961; 1 Jul 1964–30 Apr 1966; 8 Aug 1966–7 Aug 1967; 1 Jul 1983–30 Jun 1985. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII). Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation: 1 Jul 1951–27 Jul 1953. Philippine Republic Presidential Unit Citation: 21 Jul–15 Aug 1972.

Emblem

Gules, within an annulet, its inner edge a lightning flash Or, a hurt its outer edge a lightning flash and charged with a stylized bee displayed Sable garnished Or; all within a diminished bordure of the third. *MOTTO*: BEE LINERS. Approved on 31 Jul 1959 (K 39771) and modified on 9 Dec 1994; replaced emblem approved on 30 Oct 1942 (28653 A.C.).



21st Space Operations Squadron

Constituted 21st Space Operations Squadron on 10 Jul 1991. Activated on 1 Oct 1991.

Assignments

2d Satellite Tracking (later, 750th Space) Group, 1 Oct 1991–.

Stations

Onizuka AFB (later AS) CA, 1 Oct 1991–.

Operations

Scheduled use of satellite control network resources, 1991–.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

None.

Emblem

Sable, a mercator projection Azure gridlined Argent land masses of the first between in chief a lightning flash enarched fesswise Gules and in sinister base a mullet bendwise Argent pierced Red and issuing a contrail of the last arcing to a mullet charged at the United States on one mercator map Or, all within a diminished bordure of the last. *MOTTO*: GATEWAY TO THE STARS. Approved on 18 Jul 1995.



21st Special Operations Squadron

Constituted 21st Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) on 22 Dec 1939. Activated on 1 Feb 1940. Inactivated on 2 Apr 1946. Consolidated (19 Sep 1985) with the 21st Helicopter Squadron, which was constituted on 24 Feb 1956. Activated on 9 Jul 1956. Inactivated on 15 Oct 1957. Activated on 30 Jun 1967. Organized on 15 Jul 1967. Redesignated 21st Special Operations Squadron on 1 Aug 1968. Inactivated on 22 Sep 1975. Activated on 1 May 1988.

Assignments

35th Pursuit Group, 1 Feb 1940–15 Jan 1942 (attached to 24th Pursuit Group, c. 20 Nov 1941–2 Apr 1946). Eighteenth Air Force, 9 Jul 1956 (attached to 63d Troop Carrier Wing, 9 Jul 1956–30 Jun 1957; 314th Troop Carrier Wing, 30 Jun 1957–); Ninth Air Force, 1 Sep–15 Oct 1957 (remained attached to 314th Troop Carrier Wing through c. 8 Oct 1957). Tactical Air Command, 30 Jun 1967; 507th Tactical Control Group, 15 Jul 1967; 56th Air Commando (later, 56th Special Operations) Wing, 27 Nov 1967; Thirteenth Air Force, 30 Jun–22 Sep 1975 (attached to 656th Special Operations Wing, 30 Jun–22 Sep 1975). 39th Special Operations Wing, 1 May 1988 (attached to Joint Special Operations Task force, 13 Jan–18 Mar 1991 and 6 Apr–10 Jun 1991); 352d Special Operations Group, 1 Dec 1992– (attached to Joint Special Operations Task Force 2 Mar–12 Jul 1993).

Stations

Moffett Field, CA, 1 Feb 1940; Hamilton Field, CA, 10 Sep–Oct 1941; Nichols Field, Luzon, c. 20 Nov 1941 (air echelon operated from Clark Field, c. 9–c. 15 Dec 1941); Lubao, Luzon, c. 25 Dec 1941; Bataan, Luzon, c. 4 Jan–Apr 1942 (a portion of the air echelon operated from Mindanao, c. 9 Apr–c. 1 May 1942). Donaldson AFB, SC, 9 Jul 1956–15 Oct 1957. Shaw AFB, SC, 15 Jul–27 Nov 1967; Nakhon Phanom RTAFB, Thailand, 27 Nov 1967–22 Sep 1975 (air echelon operated from Ubon RTAFB, Thailand, 11–13 Apr 1975; the *USS Midway*, 20 Apr–2 May 1975; and U–Tapao RTNAF, Thailand, 2–5 May and 14–16 May 1975). RAF Woodbridge, England, 1 May 1988 (deployed at Batman AB, Turkey, 13 Jan–18 Mar 1991; Diyarbakir AB, Turkey, 6 Apr–10 Jun 1991); RAF Alconbury, England, 1 Apr 1992– (deployed at Brindisi AB, Italy and Incirlik AB, Turkey, 2 Mar–12 Jul 1993).

Aircraft

Probably P–36, 1940–1941; P–40, 1941–1942. H–21, 1956–1957. CH–3, 1967–1971; CH–53, 1970–1975. MH–53, 1988–.

Operations

Combat in the Philippine Islands, 8 Dec 1941–c. 1 May 1942; ground echelon fought as infantry unit in Bataan, 18 Jan–c. 8 Apr 1942. Carried as an active unit but was not operational from the fall of the Philippines until inactivation. Combat in Southeast Asia, Nov 1967–Aug 1973. Airlifted personnel from Saigon, Apr 1975 and airlifted US Marines in rescue of the

SS Mayaquez, May 1975. Provided support to coalition forces during Southwest Asia conflict, Jan–Mar 1991 and later.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Philippine Islands. Vietnam: Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air/Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; TET 69/Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer-Fall, 1969; Vietnam Winter-Spring, 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon; Commando Hunt V; Commando Hunt VI; Commando Hunt VII; Vietnam Ceasefire. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations (Philippine Islands): 7 Dec 1941–10 May 1942; 8–22 Dec 1941; 6 Jan–8 Mar 1942. Presidential Unit Citations (Southeast Asia): 1 Nov 1968–1 May 1969; 1 Oct 1969–30 Apr 1970; 1 Apr 1972–22 Feb 1973. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat “V” Device: 1 Sep 1970–30 Apr 1971; 1 Dec 1971–29 Feb 1972; 23 Feb 1973–28 Feb 1974; 24 Jan–2 May 1975; 14 Jan–23 Mar 1991. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 24 Mar 1991–31 Jul 1992; 1 Aug 1992–31 Jul 1993. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII). Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: [27] Nov 1967–28 Jan 1973.

Emblem

Gules, a funnel cloud bendwise Or shaded Sable detailed Brown supporting a devil’s face Buff shaded Brown, highlighted White, detailed Sable; all within a diminished bordure Azure. Approved on 18 Oct 1967 and reinstated in 1996; replaced emblems approved on 5 Jun 1995 and 20 Dec 1941 (24271 A.C.). *MOTTO*: DUSTDEVILS. Approved on 18 Oct 1967.



22d Air Refueling Squadron

Constituted 22d Bombardment Squadron (Heavy), and activated, on 20 Oct 1939. Redesignated: 22d Bombardment Squadron (Medium) c. 15 Sep 1942; 22d Bombardment Squadron, Medium, on 28 Apr 1944. Inactivated on 2 Nov 1945. Consolidated (19 Sep 1985) with the 22d Air Refueling Squadron, Medium, which was constituted on 5 May 1950. Activated on 16 Jun 1950. Redesignated 22d Air Refueling Squadron, Heavy, on 15 Jun 1960. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 1 Jul 1962. Activated on 21 Feb 1963. Organized on 1 Jul 1963. Inactivated on 1 Dec 1989. Redesignated 22d Air Refueling Squadron on 29 Sep 1992. Activated on 1 Oct 1992.

Assignments

7th Bombardment Group, 20 Oct 1939 (attached to 17th Bombardment Group for training, 26 Apr–28 May 1942); 341st Bombardment Group, 15 Sep 1942–2 Nov 1945. 22d Bombardment Group, 16 Jun 1950 (attached to 22d Bombardment Wing, 10 Feb 1951–15 Jun 1952); 22d Bombardment Wing, 16 Jun 1952; 92d Bombardment (later, 92d Strategic Aerospace) Wing, 15 Jun 1960–1 Jul 1962. Strategic Air Command, 21 Feb 1963; 22d Bombardment (later, 22d Air Refueling) Wing, 1 Jul 1963–1 Dec 1989. 366th Operations Group, 1 Oct 1992–.

Stations

Hamilton Field, CA, 20 Oct 1939; Ft Douglas, UT, 7 Sep 1940; Salt Lake City, UT, c. 21 Jun–13 Nov 1941; Brisbane, Australia, 22 Dec 1941–19 Jan 1942 (ground echelon); (air echelon at Muroc, CA, 8–c. 12 Dec 1941; Hickam Field, TH, 18 Dec 1941–5 Jan 1942; Singosari, Java, 13–19 Jan 1942); Jogjakarta, Java, 19 Jan 1942 (detachment operated from Nandi Airport, Fiji Islands, 14–c. 18 Feb 1942, and from Townsville, Australia, c. 20 Feb–c. 14 Mar 1942), Melbourne, Australia, c. 4 Mar–6 Apr 1942; Columbia AAB, SC, 26 Apr–28 May 1942; Karachi, India, 23 Jul 1942; Chakulia, India, 3 Dec 1942; Yangkai, China, 8 Jan 1944 (detachments operated from Yunnani, China, 29 Apr–6 May 1944, and c. 5 Nov 1944–c. 20 Jan 1945; Peishiyi, China, 27 Feb–25 Mar 1945; and Chihkiang, China, 29 Mar–c. 1 Apr 1945); Calcutta, India, c. 15 Sep–4 Oct 1945; Camp Kilmer, NJ, 1–2 Nov 1945. March AFB, CA, 16 Jun 1950 (deployed at Mildenhall RAF, England, 7 Dec 1953–5 Mar 1954; Ernest Harmon AFB, Newfoundland, 3 Mar–19 Apr 1955; and Elmendorf AFB, AK, 3 Jan–2 May 1956); McChord AFB, WA, 15 Jun 1960–1 Jul 1962. March AFB, CA, 1 Jul 1963–1 Dec 1989. Mountain Home AFB, ID, 1 Oct 1992–.

Aircraft

In addition to B–18, included A–17 during period 1939–1940; B–17, 1940–1942; B–25, 1942–1945; A–26, 1945. KC–97, 1952–1960; KC–135, 1960–1962. EC–135, 1963–1970; KC–135, 1963–1967, 1967–1989. KC–135, 1992–.

Operations

Antisubmarine patrols off California coast, 8–c. 10 Dec 1941; combat in Southwest Pacific, c. 13 Jan–c. 1 Mar 1942; detachment under control of USN in combat from the Fiji Islands and Australia, 14 Feb–c. 14 Mar 1942.

Combat in CBI, 14 Dec 1942–25 Jul 1945. Not manned, 16 Jun 1950–Jun 1952. Global air refueling missions, 1953–1962 and 1963–1989. Loaned all aircraft and crews to other units for combat refueling operations in SEA, 10 Mar–c. 1 Oct 1967 and 10 Apr 1972–Aug 1973. Air refueling for invasion of Grenada, 23 Oct–21 Nov 1983.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater; Philippine Islands; East Indies; New Guinea; India-Burma; Central Burma; China Defensive; China Offensive; Air Combat, Asiatic-Pacific Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Grenada, 1983.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Netherlands Indies, 14 Jan–1 Mar 1942; French Indo-China, 11 Dec 1944–12 Mar 1945. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Apr–1 Oct 1967; 25 Mar–1 May 1968; 1 Jul 1969–30 Jun 1970; 1 Sep 1970–30 Jun 1972; 1 Jul 1975–30 Jun 1977; 1 Jul 1977–30 Jun 1979; 1 Jul 1981–30 Jun 1983; 1 Jul 1987–30 Jun 1989.

Emblem

Azure, a flight symbol fesswise throughout Vert fimbriated Or surmounted by a mule Proper; all within a diminished inner bordure of the second and a diminished outer bordure of the third. Approved on 15 Nov 1994; replaced emblems approved on 13 Dec 1960 (K 12199), 27 Sep 1955 (153488 A. C.), and 19 Mar 1945 (29205 A.C.).



22d Airlift Squadron

22d Transport Squadron activated on 3 Apr 1942, prior to constitution on 4 Apr 1942. Redesignated 22d Troop Carrier Squadron on 5 Jul 1942. Inactivated on 31 Jan 1946. Activated on 15 Oct 1946. Redesignated: 22d Troop Carrier Squadron, Heavy, on 21 May 1948; 22d Military Airlift Squadron on 8 Jan 1966. Inactivated on 8 Jun 1969. Activated on 8 Feb 1972. Redesignated 22d Airlift Squadron on 1 Nov 1991.

Assignments

Air Transport Command, US Army Forces in Australia (later, Air Carrier Service, Air Service Command, Fifth Air Force), 3 Apr 1942; 374th Troop Carrier Group, 12 Nov 1942–31 Jan 1946. 374th Troop Carrier Group, 15 Oct 1946 (attached to 317th Troop Carrier Group, 19 Sep–16 Nov 1948; 374th Troop Carrier Wing, 3 Feb 1956–30 Jun 1957); 1503d Air Transport Wing, 18 Nov 1958; 1503d Air Transport Group, 22 Jun 1964; 65th Military Airlift Group, 8 Jan 1966–8 Jun 1969. 60th Military Airlift Wing, 8 Feb 1972; 60th Military Airlift Group, 6 Mar 1978; 60th Military Airlift Wing, 15 Feb 1979; 60th Operations Group, 1 Nov 1991–.

Stations

Essendon Airdrome, Australia, 3 Apr 1942; Garbutt Field, Australia, 11 Oct 1942; Port Moresby, New Guinea, 24 Jan 1943; Garbutt Field, Australia, 4 Oct 1943; Finschhafen, New Guinea, 29 Aug 1944; Nielson Field, Luzon, Aug 1945–31 Jan 1946. Nichols Field, Luzon, 15 Oct 1946; Clark Field, Luzon, 23 Apr 1947 (deployed at Wiesbaden AB, Germany, 18 Sep–16 Nov 1948); Tachikawa AB, Japan, 16 Nov 1948–8 Jun 1969. Travis AFB, CA, 8 Feb 1972–.

Aircraft

Included DC–2, DC–3, C–39, C–49, C–53, C–56, C–60, B–17, and B–18 during 1942; C–47, 1942–1945; C–46, 1945–1946. C–46, 1946–1949; C–54, 1946–1948, 1949–1952; C–124, 1952–1957, 1959–1969. C–5, 1972–.

Operations

Included paratroop drop on Nadzab, New Guinea, as well as aerial transportation in South, Southwest, and Western Pacific, during World War II. Berlin Airlift, 1948. Aerial transportation in Far East during Korean War. Not operational, Jun 1957–Feb 1959. Flew extensive support missions to, and intratheater combat support missions in Vietnam, 4 Aug 1964–2 Apr 1969. Frequent missions to Southeast Asia, Mar 1972–Apr 1975. Supported operations in Grenada, 25 Oct–7 Nov 1983; Panama, 20 Dec 1989; and Southwest Asia, Aug 1990–.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Japan; Papua; New Guinea; Northern Solomons; Bismarck Archipelago; Western Pacific; Leyte; Luzon; Southern Philippines. Korea: UN Defensive; UN Offensive; CCF Intervention; First UN Counteroffensive; CCF Spring Offensive; UN Summer-Fall Offensive; Second Korean Winter; Korea Summer-Fall, 1952; Third Korean Winter; Korea, Summer 1953.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamer

Panama, 1989–1990.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Papua, 23 Jul 1942–23 Jan 1943; Papua, 12 Nov–22 Dec 1942; Wau, New Guinea, 30 Jan–1 Feb 1943; Korea, 27 Jun–15 Sep 1950. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jan–31 Dec 1961; 1 Jul 1964–30 Jun 1966; 23 Dec 1965–23 Jan 1966; 24 Jan 1966–31 Jan 1969; 1 Jul 1966–30 Jun 1967; 1 Jul 1967–30 Jun 1968; 1 Jul 1974–30 Jun 1975; 1 Jul 1975–30 Jun 1977; 16 Dec 1989–31 Jan 1990; 1 Jul 1990–30 Jun 1992. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII). Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation: 1 Jul 1951–27 Jun 1953. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 1 Apr 1966–[8 Jun 1969].

Emblem

On a Medium Blue disc, wide border Light Red, a caricatured, Light Gray donkey, trimmed White and Black, having large, Light Red pack, outlined Black, strapped about the middle by heavy, Black band, climbing hilly terrain Light Brown, shaded Dark Brown. Approved on 17 Jun 1944 (K 2895).



22d Fighter Squadron

Constituted 22d Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) on 22 Dec 1939. Activated on 1 Feb 1940. Redesignated: 22d Fighter Squadron on 15 May 1942; 22d Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 20 Aug 1943. Inactivated on 31 Mar 1946. Activated on 15 Oct 1946. Redesignated: 22d Fighter Squadron, Jet Propelled, on 27 Oct 1947; 22d Fighter Squadron, Jet, on 17 Jun 1948; 22d Fighter-Bomber Squadron on 20 Jan 1950; 22d Fighter-Day Squadron on 9 Aug 1954; 22d Tactical Fighter Squadron on 8 Jul 1958; 22d Fighter Squadron on 1 Oct 1991.

Assignments

36th Pursuit (later, 36th Fighter) Group, 1 Feb 1940–31 Mar 1946. 36th Fighter (later, 36th Fighter-Bomber; 36th Fighter-Day) Group, 15 Oct 1946 (attached to 36th Fighter-Day Wing, 1 Oct 1956–7 Dec 1957); 36th Fighter-Day (later, 36th Tactical Fighter, 36th Fighter) Wing, 8 Dec 1957; 36th Operations Group, 31 Mar 1992; 52d Operations Group, 1 Apr 1994–.

Stations

Langley Field, VA, 1 Feb 1940; Losey Field, Puerto Rico, 6 Jan 1941; Vega Baja, Puerto Rico, 13 Dec 1941 (detachment operated from Waller Field, Trinidad, 6 Dec 1941–Oct 1942); Waller Field, Trinidad, Oct 1942 (detachments operated from Aruba, 2 Sep 1942–Apr 1943; Curacao, 2 Sep 1942–Apr 1943; and Zandery Field, Surinam, 16 Sep 1942–16 Feb 1943); Morrison Field, FL, 27 May 1943; Mitchel Field, NY, 4 Jun 1943; Charleston, SC, 21 Jun 1943; Alamogordo AAFld, NM, 17 Sep 1943; Scribner AAFld, NE, 26 Nov 1943–Mar 1944; Kingsnorth, England, 5 Apr 1944; Brucheville, France, 3 Aug 1944; Le Mans, France, c. 5 Sep 1944; Athis, France, 23 Sep 1944; Juvincourt, France, 5 Oct 1944; Le Culot, Belgium, c. 27 Oct 1944; Aachen, Germany, 28 Mar 1945; Niedermennig, Germany, 8 Apr 1945; Kassel/Rothwesten, Germany, 21 Apr 1945–15 Feb 1946; Bolling Field, DC, 15 Feb–31 Mar 1946. Howard Field, CZ, 15 Oct 1946–c. 25 Jul 1948; Furstenfeldbruck AB, Germany, 13 Aug 1948; Bitburg AB, Germany, 28 Oct 1952; Spangdahlem AB, Germany, 1 Apr 1994–.

Aircraft

X/YP–37, 1940; P–36, 1940–1942; P–40, 1941, 1942–1943; P–39, 1941–1943; P–47, 1943–1945. P–47, 1946–1947; P(later F–)80, 1947–1950; F–84, 1950–1953; F–86, 1953–1956; F–100, 1956–1961; F–105, 1961–1966; F–4, 1966–1977; F–15, 1977–.

Operations

Antisubmarine operations, c. Mar 1942–15 May 1943; combat in ETO, 8 May 1944–8 May 1945. Maintained combat fighter proficiency in Europe, 1948–.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater; Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: France, 1 Sep 1944; Germany, 12 Apr 1945. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: May 1956–May 1958; 1 Jan–31 Dec 1968; 1 Dec 1973–30 Apr 1975; 1 Jul 1975–30 Jun 1977; 1 Jul 1977–30 Jun 1979; 1 Jul 1986–30 Jun 1988; 1 Jul 1988–30 Jun 1990; 1 Sep 1990–31 Jul 1991. Cited in the Orders of the Day, Belgian Army: 1 Oct–17 Dec 1944; 18 Dec 1944–15 Jan 1945. Belgian Fourragere.

Emblem

On a Grayed Medium Blue disc, a caricatured, pugnacious, Black, Brown, and Yellow bumblebee with White wings, in flight toward dexter, wearing Brown boxing gloves, and leaving White speed lines toward rear. Approved on 27 Jun 1945 (44687 A.C.).



22d Space Operations Squadron

Constituted 22d Space Operations Squadron on 10 Jul 1991. Activated on 1 Oct 1991.

Assignments

2d Satellite Tracking (later, 750th Space) Group, 1 Oct 1991–.

Stations

Falcon AFB CO, 1 Oct 1991–.

Operations

Scheduled use of satellite control network resources and operated tracking station, 1991–.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

None.

Emblem.

Sable, an opincus passant Argent between in chief a mullet of the like and in base, a mercator projection of the globe Azure gridlined of the second, land masses of the first, and charged on the “United States” with a mullet Or; all within a diminished bordure of the like. Approved on 13 Apr 1995.



23d Bomb Squadron

Organized as 18th Aero Squadron on 16 Jun 1917. Redesignated 23d Aero Squadron (Repair) on 22 Jun 1917. Demobilized on 22 Mar 1919. Reconstituted, and consolidated (1924) with 23d Squadron, which was authorized on 30 Aug 1921, organized on 1 Oct 1921, redesignated 23d Bombardment Squadron on 25 Jan 1923. Redesignated: 23d Bombardment Squadron (Medium) on 6 Dec 1939; 23 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 20 Nov 1940; 23d Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, on 6 Mar 1944; 23d Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, on 30 Apr 1946. Inactivated on 10 Mar 1947. Redesignated 23d Reconnaissance Squadron, Very Long Range, Photographic, on 16 Sep 1947. Activated on 20 Oct 1947. Redesignated: 23d Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, Photographic, on 16 Jun 1949; 23d Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, Heavy, on 14 Nov 1950; 23d Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, on 1 Oct 1955; 23d Bomb Squadron on 1 Sep 1991.

Assignments

Unkn, 16 Jun 1917–22 Mar 1919. Ninth Corps Area, 1 Oct 1921; 5th Group (Observation) (later, 5th Group [Pursuit and Bombardment]; 5th Group [Composite]; 5th Composite Group), 29 Mar 1922; 19th Bombardment Group, 8 May 1929 (attached to 5th Composite [later, 5th Bombardment] Group, 8 May 1929–11 Oct 1938); 5th Bombardment Group, 12 Oct 1938–10 Mar 1947. 5th Reconnaissance, (later, 5th Strategic Reconnaissance) Group, 20 Oct 1947 (attached to 71st Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, 18–24 Aug 1948; 32d Composite Wing, 24 Aug 1948–16 Mar 1949; 55th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, 1–17 Jun 1949; 5th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, 10 Feb 1951–15 Jun 1952); 5th Strategic Reconnaissance, (later, 5th Bombardment) Wing, 16 Jun 1952; 5th Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991–.

Stations

Camp Kelly, TX, 16 Jun 1917; Hazelhurst Field, NY, 5 Sep 1917–6 Jul 1918; Thetford, England, c. 25 Jul 1918 (detachments at Hucknall Torkard and Salisbury, c. 18 Aug–c. 5 Nov 1918); Duxford, England, 2 Sep 1918; Codford, England, 5 Nov 1918; Cherbourg, France, 11 Nov 1918; St Maixent, France, 18 Nov 1918; St Nazaire, France, c. 29 Jan–20 Feb 1919; Garden City, NY, c. 8–22 Mar 1919. March Field, CA, 1 Oct 1921–21 Mar 1922; Luke Field, TH, 29 Mar 1922; Hickam Field, TH, 1 Jan 1939; Mokuleia, TH, 24 Mar–3 Nov 1942; Espiritu Santo, 1 Dec 1942–3 Jan 1944 (air echelon operated from Guadalcanal, 31 Mar–24 Aug 1943, and 21 Oct–7 Dec 1943); Munda, New Georgia, 9 Jan 1944; Momote Airfield, Los Negros, 16 Apr 1944; Wakde, c. 20 Aug 1944; Noemfoor, c. 30 Sep 1944; Morotai, c. 16 Oct 1944; Samar, 20 Feb 1945; Clark Field, Luzon, Dec 1945–10 Mar 1947. Clark Field, Luzon, 20 Oct 1947; Kadena AB, Okinawa, 15 May 1948; Yokota AB, Japan, 16 Mar–2 May 1949; Fairfield–Suisun AFB, CA, 19 May 1949; Topeka (later, Forbes) AFB, KS, 1 Jun 1949; Mountain Home, ID, 25 Jun 1949; Fairfield–Suisun (later, Travis) AFB, CA, 1 Nov 1949 (deployed at Andersen AFB, Guam, 14 Jan–12 Apr 1955); Minot AFB, ND, 25 Jul 1968–.

Aircraft

In addition to NBS–1, included JN–6, DH–4 and others during period 1922–1929; primarily B–4, B–5, and LB–6 during period 1929–1937; B–12, 1937–1939; B–18, 1938–1942; B–17, 1941–1943; B–24, 1943–1945. C–46, 1947–1948; B/FB–17, 1947–1948; F–2, 1947–1948; RB–29, 1948–1951; RB–36, 1951–1955; B/RB–36, 1955–1958; B–52, 1959–.

Operations

Repaired and maintained aircraft and engines, 1917–1918. Bombed lava flowing from Mauna Loa, diverting it from the city of Hilo, 27 Dec 1935. Patrols over the Pacific, 8 Dec 1941–Nov 1942; 26 Aug–18 Oct 1943. Combat in South, Southwest, and Western Pacific, 27 Apr–16 Aug 1943, 22 Oct–6 Dec 1943, 22 Jan–1 Mar 1944, 18 Apr 1944–12 Aug 1945. Non–operational, 1946–1947. Photo-mapping in the Philippines. Formosa, and Southwest Pacific, Nov 1947–Mar 1949. Performed strategic reconnaissance, 1949–1952. Assumed a strategic bombardment mission, 1953–. From 1968 to 1975 provided qualified B–52 aircrews to other SAC units involved in combat operations in Southeast Asia.

Service Streamers

World War I Theater of Operations.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Central Pacific; Guadalcanal; China Defensive; New Guinea; Northern Solomons; Eastern Mandates; Bismarck Archipelago; Western Pacific; Leyte; Luzon; Southern Philippines; China Offensive; Air Combat, Asiatic-Pacific Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Woleai Island, 18 Apr–15 May 1944; Borneo, 30 Sep 1944. Presidential Unit Citation (Navy): Southwest Pacific, [1–9 Dec] 1942. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1977–30 Jun 1979; 1 Jul 1983–30 Jun 1984; 1 Jul 1985–30 Jun 1986; 1 Jul 1986–30 Jun 1988; 1 Jul 1989–30 Jun 1991; 1 Jul 1991–30 Jun 1993. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII).

Emblem

On a Blue disc a volcano in Black silhouette with Red lava flowing from the crater, extending upward therefrom and intermingled with clouds, futuristic vari-colored rays from Yellow to Red, on front thereof five Black drop bombs, two on the dexter and three on the sinister side. Approved on 30 Sep 1931 and reinstated on 13 Jan 1994; (8543 A.C.); replaced emblem approved on 12 May 1952 (44361 A.C.).



23d Fighter Squadron

Constituted 23d Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) on 22 1939. Activated on 1 Feb 1940. Redesignated: 23d Fighter Squadron on 15 May 1942; 23d Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 20 Aug 1943. Inactivated on 31 Mar 1946. Activated on 15 Oct 1946. Redesignated: 23d Fighter Squadron, Jet Propelled, on 27 Oct 1947; 23d Fighter Squadron, Jet, on 17 Jun 1948; 23d Fighter-Bomber Squadron on 20 Jan 1950; 23d Fighter-Day Squadron on 9 Aug 1954; 23d Tactical Fighter Squadron on 8 Jul 1958; 23d Fighter Squadron on 1 Oct 1991.

Assignments

36th Pursuit (later, 36th Fighter) Group, 1 Feb 1940–31 Mar 1946. 36th Fighter (later, 36th Fighter-Bomber; 36th Fighter-Day) Group, 15 Oct 1946; 36th Fighter-Day (later, 36th Tactical Fighter) Wing, 8 Dec 1957; 52d Tactical Fighter (later, 52d Fighter) Wing, 31 Dec 1971 (attached to 7440th Composite Wing, 17 Jan–15 Mar 1991); 52d Operations Group, 31 Mar 1992–.

Stations

Kelly Field, TX, 1 Feb 1940; Brooks Field, TX, 1 Feb 1940; Langley Field, VA, 17 Nov 1940; Losey Field, Puerto Rico, 6 Jan 1941; St Croix, 31 May 1941; Losey Field, Puerto Rico, 15 Nov 1941; Vega Baja, Puerto Rico, 13 Dec 1941 (detachments operated from St Thomas, c. Mar 1941–c. 6 May 1943; and Arecibo, Puerto Rico, 11 Mar–c. 16 May 1943); Morrison Field, FL, c. 21 May 1943; Mitchel Field, NY, 16 Jun 1943; Charleston, SC, 22 Jun 1943; Galveston AAFld, TX, 18 Sep 1943; Dalhart AAFld, TX, 27 Oct 1943; Bruning AAFld, NE, 24 Dec 1943–11 Mar 1944; Kingsnorth, England, 6 Apr 1944, Brucheville, France, 3 Aug 1944; Le Mans, France, 6 Sep 1944; Athis, France, 26 Sep 1944; Juvincourt, France, 3 Oct 1944; Le Culot, Belgium, 28 Oct 1944; Aachen, Germany, 28 Mar 1945; Niedermennig, Germany, 8 Apr 1945; Kassel/Rothwesten, Germany, 21 Apr 1945–15 Feb 1946; Bolling Field, DC, 15 Feb–31 Mar 1946. Howard Field, CZ, 15 Oct 1946–22 Jul 1948; Furstenfeldbruck AB, Germany, c. 17 Aug 1948; Bitburg AB, Germany, 17 Nov 1952; Spangdahlem AB, Germany, 31 Dec 1971–(deployed at Incirlik AB, Turkey, 17 Jan–15 Mar 1991).

Aircraft

YP-37, 1940; P-36, 1940–1942; P-39, 1941–1943; P-40, 1941–1943; P-47, 1943–1946. P-47, 1946–1947; P-80, 1947–1950; F-84, 1950–1953; F-86, 1953–1956; F-100, 1956–1961; F-105, 1961–1966; F-4, 1966–1991; F-16, 1987–.

Operations

Antisubmarine patrols, 12 Dec 1941–c. Apr 1943. Combat in ETO, 8 May 1944–8 May 1945. Occupational force, Germany, May 1945–Feb 1946. Combat in Southwest Asia, Jan–Feb 1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater; Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: France, 1 Sep 1944; Germany, 12 Apr 1945. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat “V” Device: 1 Sep 1990–26 Feb 1991. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: May 1956–May 1958; 1 Jan–31 Dec 1968; 1 Jul 1978–30 Jun 1980; 1 Jul 1991–30 Jun 1993. Cited in the Order of the Day, Belgian Army: 1 Oct–17 Dec 1944; 18 Dec 1944–15 Jan 1945. Belgian Fourragere.

Emblem

On a Grayed Yellow Orange disc, a caricatured Red, White, and Blue hawk, wearing Tan flight jacket and aviator’s helmet, Blue goggles, and Brown boxing gloves, diving toward sinister base, and emitting White speed lines to rear. COPYRIGHT—Walt Disney. Approved on 23 Sep 1943 (44687 A.C.).



23d Space Operations Squadron

Constituted 23d Airways Detachment on 21 Jul 1942. Activated on 25 Jul 1942. Disbanded on 1 Dec 1943. Reconstituted, and redesignated 23d Space Operations Squadron, on 8 Oct 1991. Activated on 1 Nov 1991.

Assignments

Tenth Air Force, 25 Jul 1942 (attached to Air Service Command, 25 Jul–Sep 1942); Air Transport Command, 21 Dec 1942; India-China Wing, ATC, by Mar 1943–1 Dec 1943. 2d Satellite Tracking (later, 750th Space) Group, 1 Nov 1991–.

Stations

Mitchel Fld, NY, 25 Jul 1942; Indiantown Gap Military Reservation, PA, 29 Sep–6 Oct 1942; Karachi, India, c. 12 Nov 1942; Chabua, India, by Mar 1943; Kunming, China, by c. May–1 Dec 1943. New Boston AFS (later, AS) NH, 1 Nov 1991–.

Operations

Combat communications, CBI Theater, Nov 1942–Dec 1943. Operated remote satellite tracking station, 1991–.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: India-Burma; China Defensive.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

None.

Emblem

Sable a demi-globe issuant from base Azure land masses Or and therefrom issuant a spectre of the first eyed Yellow and habited Gray between in dexter a flight symbol ascending palewise and in sinister chief a mullet of four Argent, all within a diminished bordure of the second. *MOTTO*: SEMPER VIGILANS—Ever Watchful. Approved on 5 Jun 1995.



25th Fighter Squadron

Constituted 25th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) on 20 Nov 1940. Activated on 15 Jan 1941. Redesignated: 25th Pursuit Squadron (Fighter) on 12 Mar 1941; 25th Fighter Squadron (Twin Engine) on 15 May 1942; 25th Fighter Squadron on 1 Jun 1942; 25th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 28 Feb 1944. Inactivated on 12 Dec 1945. Activated on 15 Oct 1946. Redesignated: 25th Fighter Squadron, Jet Propelled, on 19 Feb 1947; 25th Fighter Squadron, Jet, on 10 Aug 1948; 25th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron on 1 Feb 1950. Discontinued on 8 Jun 1960. Redesignated 25th Tactical Fighter Squadron on 18 Jun 1965. Organized on 20 Jun 1965. Inactivated on 31 Jul 1990. Redesignated 25th Fighter Squadron, and activated, on 1 Oct 1993.

Assignments

51st Pursuit (later, 51st Fighter) Group, 15 Jan 1941–12 Dec 1945. 51st Fighter (later, 51st Fighter-Interceptor) Group, 15 Oct 1946 (attached to 51st Fighter-Interceptor Wing, 1 Jul–24 Oct 1957); 51st Fighter-Interceptor Wing, 25 Oct 1957–8 Jun 1960. Tactical Air Command, 18 Jun 1965; 33d Tactical Fighter Wing, 20 Jun 1965; 8th Tactical Fighter Wing, 28 May 1968; 432d Tactical Reconnaissance (later, 432d Tactical Fighter) Wing, 5 Jul 1974; 3d Tactical Fighter Wing, 18 Dec 1975; 18th Tactical Fighter Wing, 19 Dec 1975; 18th Tactical Fighter Group, 1 May 1978; 51st Composite Wing (Tactical) (later, 51st Tactical Fighter Wing), 1 Feb 1981–31 Jul 1990. 51st Operations Group, 1 Oct 1993–.

Stations

Hamilton Field, CA, 15 Jan 1941; March Field, CA, 11 Jun 1941–10 Jan 1942; Karachi, India, 12 Mar 1942; Dinjan, India, 22 Nov 1942 (detachment operated from Sadiya, India, 6 Nov 1942–2 Apr 1943; Jorhat, India, 2 Apr–14 Sep 1943); Yunnani, China, 14 Sep 1943 (detachment operated from Paoshan, China, 30 Nov 1944–Jan 1945; Liangshan, China, 10 Jan–Feb 1945; Poseh, China, 4 Feb–28 May 1945); Loping, China, Sep–Nov 1945; Fort Lewis, WA, 11–12 Dec 1945. Yontan Afld, Okinawa, 15 Oct 1946; Naha Afld, Okinawa, 22 May 1947; Itazuke AB, Japan, 22 Sep 1950; Kimpo AB, South Korea, 23 Oct 1950; Itazuke AB, Japan, 4 Jan 1951; Tsuiki AB, Japan, 22 Jan 1951; Suwon AB, South Korea, 20 Jul 1951; Naha AB, Okinawa, 1 Aug 1954–8 Jun 1960. Eglin AFB, FL, 20 Jun 1965–25 May 1968; Ubon RTAFB, Thailand, 28 May 1968; Udorn RTAFB, Thailand, 5 Jul 1974; Clark AB, Philippines, 18 Dec 1975; Kadena AB, Japan, 19 Dec 1975; Suwon AB, South Korea, 1 Feb 1981; Osan AB, South Korea, c. 10 Nov 1989–31 Jul 1990. Osan AB, South Korea, 1 Oct 1993–.

Aircraft

P–40, 1941–1945; P–38, 1944; P–51, 1944–1945. P–47, 1946–1947; F–80, 1947–1951; F–86, 1951–1960. F–4, 1965–1980; A–10, 1982–1989.

Operations

Combat in CBI, 2 Sep 1942–28 May 1945. Combat in Korea, 22 Sep 1950–27 Jul 1953. Combat in Southeast Asia, c. 29 May 1968–28 Jan 1973. Supported the evacuation of US personnel from Phnom Penh, Cambodia and Saigon, South Vietnam, Apr 1975. Flew strike missions against Koh Tang Island and Khmer Rouge gunboats during the Mayaguez incident, 13–15 May 1975. Not operational, Aug 1980–Jan 1982 and Nov 1989–Jul 1990.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: India-Burma; Central Burma; China Defensive; China Offensive. Korea: UN Offensive; CCF Intervention; First UN Counteroffensive; CCF Spring Offensive; UN Summer-Fall Offensive; Second Korean Winter; Korea Summer-Fall 1952; Third Korean Winter; Korea, Summer 1953. Vietnam: Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air/Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; TET 69/Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer-Fall 1969; Vietnam Winter-Spring, 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon; Commando Hunt V; Commando Hunt VI; Commando Hunt VII; Vietnam Ceasefire.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: Korea, 28 Nov 1951–30 Apr 1952. Presidential Unit Citation: Southeast Asia, 1 Jan–1 Apr 1971. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat “V” Device: 1 Jan 1967–30 Jun 1968; 1 Jun–30 Sep 1968; 22 Oct 1968–30 Jun 1970; 1 Oct 1971–31 Mar 1972; 1 Apr–22 Oct 1972; 18 Dec 1972–15 Aug 1973. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 29 Aug 1958–19 Jan 1959; 1 Sep 1978–30 Sep 1979; 1 Oct 1979–31 May 1980; 1 Apr 1983–30 Apr 1984; 1 May 1984–30 Apr 1985; 1 Jul 1985–30 Jun 1987; 1 Jul 1987–30 Jun 1989. Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citations: [22 Sep 1950]–30 Jun 1951; 1 Jul 1951–31 Mar 1953. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: [28 May 1968]–28 Jan 1973.

Emblem

Vert, a dragon erect Or eyed and enflamed Gules armed Argent and grasping in its forelegs an aircraft cannon fesswise Sable smoking Azure; all within a diminished bordure White. Approved on 22 May 1996; replaced emblem approved on 1 Aug 1947 (49003 A.C.).



25th Flying Training Squadron

Constituted 25th Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron on 5 Feb 1943. Redesignated 25th Photographic Squadron (Light) on 6 Feb 1943. Activated on 9 Feb 1943. Redesignated: 25th Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron on 11 Aug 1943; 25th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron on 24 Jan 1946. Inactivated on 1 Apr 1949. Redesignated 25th Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, Fighter, on 4 Nov 1954. Activated on 24 Jan 1955. Inactivated on 1 Jul 1957. Redesignated 25th Flying Training Squadron on 14 Apr 1972. Activated on 1 Nov 1972.

Assignments

6th Photographic (later 6th Photographic Reconnaissance and Mapping; 6th Photographic Reconnaissance; 6th Photographic; 6th Reconnaissance) Group, 9 Feb 1943 (attached to V Fighter Command after 10 Feb 1946); V Fighter Command, 27 Apr 1946; 315th Composite Wing, 31 May 1946; 71st Reconnaissance (later, 71st Tactical Reconnaissance) Group, 28 Feb 1947–1 Apr 1949 (attached to 315th Composite Wing to Nov 1947). 71st Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, 24 Jan 1955–1 Jul 1957. 71st Flying Training Wing, 1 Nov 1972; 71st Operations Group, 15 Dec 1991–.

Stations

Colorado Springs, CO, 9 Feb–22 Oct 1943; Sydney, Australia, 19 Nov 1943; Brisbane, Australia, 25 Nov 1943–19 Jan 1944; Lae, New Guinea, 3 Feb 1944; Nadzab, New Guinea, 7 Feb 1944; Biak, 23 Jul–16 Nov 1944; Dulag, Leyte, 24 Nov 1944; San Jose, Mindoro, 3 Jan 1944 (detachment at Dulag, Leyte, to 6 Feb 1945; air echelon at Clark Field, Luzon, 14 Jun–14 Jul 1945); Okinawa, 9 Jul 1945; Chofu, Japan, 27 Sep 1945; Itazuke AB, Japan, 10 Feb 1946; Itami, Japan, 30 Mar 1946–1 Apr 1949. Larson AFB, WA, 24 Jan 1955–1 Jul 1957. Vance AFB, OK, 1 Nov 1972–.

Aircraft

In addition to P–38/F–5, 1943–1945, included B–25, 1944; in addition to P–51/F–6, 1946–1949, included L–5, 1946, and F–2, 1947–1948. RF–84, 1955–1957. T–38, 1972–.

Operations

Combat in Southwest Pacific and Western Pacific, 5 Feb 1944–14 Aug 1945. Not operationally manned or equipped, Nov 1945–Feb 1946. Photographic reconnaissance in western United States, 1955–1957. Undergraduate pilot training for USAF, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve, and selected foreign allies, 1 Nov 1972–.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Japan; China Defensive; New Guinea; Bismarck Archipelago; Western Pacific; Leyte; Luzon; Southern Philippines; Ryukyus; China Offensive; Air Combat, Asiatic-Pacific Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Philippine Islands, 18–[20] Sep 1944; Japan, 9 Aug 1945. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jan–31 Dec 1975; 1 Jan 1977–30 Apr 1978; 1 May 1982–30 Apr 1984; 1 Apr 1987–31 Mar 1989; 1 Apr 1989–31 Mar 1990. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII).

Emblem

Or, a hurt fimbriated, the fimbriation containing six diagonal “tics” radiating Argent, the hurt charged at the edges with four billets Or radiating at “12”, “3”, “6”, and “9” o’clock and four bezants at “11”, “4”, “7” and “8” o’clock and two billets radiating at “2” and “5” o’clock Gules, a spear point to base bendwise sinister enhanced throughout White, overall a winged aerial camera with painted face Yellow and White langued and eyed Red winged Gold diving bendwise sinister emitting four speed lines White between five mullets of the last, two in chief, two in fess and one in base; all within a diminished bordure of the first. Approved on 13 May 1944 (K 8320) and reinstated on 31 Mar 1995; replaced emblem approved 2 Jan 1973 (KE 51214).



27th Fighter Squadron

Organized as 21st Aero Squadron on 15 Jun 1917. Redesignated: 27th Aero Squadron on 23 Jun 1917; 27th Squadron (Pursuit) on 14 Mar 1921; 27th Pursuit Squadron on 25 Jan 1923; 27th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) on 6 Dec 1939; 27th Pursuit Squadron (Fighter) on 12 Mar 1941; 27th Fighter Squadron (Twin Engine) on 15 May 1942; 27th Fighter Squadron, Two Engine, on 28 Feb 1944. Inactivated on 16 Oct 1945. Redesignated: 27th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 5 Apr 1946; 27th Fighter Squadron, Jet Propelled, on 20 Jun 1946. Activated on 3 Jul 1946. Redesignated: 27th Fighter Squadron, Jet, on 15 Jun 1948; 27th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron on 16 Apr 1950; 27th Tactical Fighter Squadron on 1 Jul 1971; 27th Fighter Squadron on 1 Nov 1991.

Assignments

Unkn, 15 Jun 1917–May 1918; 1st Pursuit Group, May–Dec 1918; unkn, Dec 1918–22 Aug 1919; 1st Pursuit (later, 1st Fighter) Group, 22 Aug 1919–16 Oct 1945. 1st Fighter Group, 3 Jul 1946 (attached to Eastern Air Defense Force, 15 Aug 1950–3 Jun 1951; 103d Fighter-Interceptor Group, 4 Jun 1951–6 Feb 1952); 4711th Defense (later, 4711th Air Defense) Wing, 6 Feb 1952; 32d Air Division, 1 Mar 1956 (attached to 14th Fighter Group, 1 Mar 1956–17 Feb 1957); 4727th Air Defense Group, 8 Feb 1957; Bangor Air Defense Sector, 1 Oct 1959; 36th Air Division, 1 Apr 1966; 35th Air Division, 15 Sep 1969; 21st Air Division, 19 Nov 1969; 1st Tactical Fighter Wing, 1 Jul 1971 (attached to 1st Tactical Fighter Wing Provisional, 8 Aug 1990–8 Mar 1991); 1st Operations Group, 1 Oct 1991–.

Stations

Camp Kelly, TX, 15 Jun 1917; Toronto, Ontario, Canada, 18 Aug 1917 (detachments at various Canadian stations, 5 Sep–22 Oct 1917); Taliaferro Field No. 1, TX, 29 Oct 1917; Garden City, NY, 26 Jan–25 Feb 1918; Tours, France, 20 Mar 1918; Issoudun, France, 29 Mar 1918; Epiez, France, 24 Apr 1918; Toul, France, 1 Jun 1918; Touquin, France, 28 Jun 1918; Saints, France, 9 Jul 1918; Rembercourt, France, 3 Sep 1918 (flight operated from Verdun, 25 Sep 1918–unkn); Colombey-les-Belles, France, 12 Dec 1918; Brest, France, 5 Feb–8 Mar 1919; Garden City, NY, 19 Mar 1919; Selfridge Field, MI, 28 Apr 1919; Kelly Field, TX, 31 Aug 1919; Ellington Field, TX, 1 Jul 1921; Selfridge Field, MI, 1 Jul 1922; San Diego NAS, CA, c. 11 Dec 1941; Los Angeles, CA, 29 Dec 1941–20 May 1942; Goxhill, England, 9 Jun 1942 (operated from Reykjavik, Iceland, 3 Jul–26 Aug 1942); Atcham, England, 9 Aug 1942; High Ercall, England, 20 Aug 1942; Colerne, England, 12 Sep–23 Oct 1942; St Leu, Algeria, 9 Nov 1942; Tafaraoui, Algeria, 13 Nov 1942; Nouvion, Algeria, 20 Nov 1942 (detachments operated from Maison Blanche, Algeria, 7–21 Dec 1942, and Biskra, Algeria, 21–30 Dec 1942); Biskra, Algeria, 30 Dec 1942; Chateaudun-du-Rhumel, Algeria, 18 Feb 1943; Mateur, Tunisia, 28 Jun 1943 (detachments operated from Dittaino, Sicily, 6–18 Sep 1943, and Gambut, Libya, 5–13 Oct 1943); Djedeida, Tunisia, 1 Nov 1943; Monserrato, Sardinia, 29 Nov 1943; Gioia del Colle, Italy, 9 Dec 1943; Salsola Airfield, Italy, 8 Jan 1944 (detachments operated from Aghione, Corsica, 11–21 Aug 1944, and Vincenzo Airfield, Italy, 10 Jan–21 Feb 1945); Lesina, Italy, 16 Mar 1945; Marcianise, Italy, 26 Sep–16 Oct 1945. March Field (later AFB), CA, 3 Jul 1946; George AFB, CA, 14 Jul 1950; Griffiss AFB, NY, 15 Aug 1950; Loring AFB, ME, 1 Oct

1959; MacDill AFB, FL, 1 Jul 1971; Langley AFB, VA, 30 Jun 1975–(operated from King Abdul Aziz AB, Saudi Arabia, 8 Aug 1990–8 Mar 1991).

Aircraft

Apparently JN–4, 1917–1918; Nieuport 28, 1918; Sopwith F–1 Camel, 1918; Spad XIII, 1918–1922; SE–5, 1919–1922, DH–4, 1919–1925; Fokker D–7, 1921; MB–3, 1922–1925, PW–8, 1924–1926; P–1, 1925–1931; P–6, 1928–1929; P–12, 1930–1934; P–16, 1932; P–26, 1934–1938; PB–2, 1936–1937; P–35, 1938–1941; P–36, 1939; YP–43, 1939–1941; C–40, 1939–1941; P–38, 1941–1945. P–80, 1946–1949; F–86, 1949–1954; F–89, 1952–1953; F–94, 1954–1960; F–102, 1957–1960; F–106, 1960–1971; F–4, 1971–1975; TF/F–15, 1975–.

Operations

Flying training unit, Nov 1917–Jan 1918; combat as pursuit unit with French Sixth Army, French Eighth Army, and American First Army, 2 Jun–10 Nov 1918. Antisubmarine, c. 12–29 Dec 1941; air defense of Iceland, c. 4 Jul–c. 25 Aug 1942; combat in ETO and MTO, 2 Oct 1942–6 May 1945. Air defense, Jul 1950–Jun 1971. F–4 replacement training, Jul 1971–Jun 1975. Combat in Southwest Asia, Jan–Feb 1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War I: Lorraine; Champagne; Ile-de-France; Champagne-Marne; Aisne-Marne; Oise-Aisne; St Mihiel; Muese-Argonne. World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater; Egypt-Libya; Air Offensive, Europe; Algeria-French Morocco, with Arrowhead; Tunisia; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Anzio; Rome-Arno; Normandy; Northern France; Southern France; North Apennines; Rhineland; Central Europe; Po Valley; Air Combat, EAME Theater. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Italy, 25 Aug 1943; Italy, 30 Aug 1943; Ploesti, Rumania, 18 May 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jun 1970–

1 Jul 1971; 1 Jan 1976–31 Oct 1976; 15 Jun 1982–15 Jun 1984; 16 Jun 1984–15 Jun 1986; 28 Apr 1990– 27 Apr 1992; 1 May 1992–30 Apr 1994.

Emblem

On a Yellow disc edged with a narrow Black border, a small Red disc, overall a Gray falcon in attack flight, (head and talons White, eye and tongue Red, beak and feet Yellow, underside of wings Black detailed Grey). Approved on 17 Sep 1971 (KE 43466); replaced emblem approved on 4 Mar 1924 (K 8060).



28th Bomb Squadron

Organized as 28th Aero Squadron on 22 Jun 1917. Demobilized on 16 Jun 1919. Reconstituted, and consolidated (9 Jan 1922) with 28th Squadron (Bombardment), which was authorized on 30 Aug 1921. Organized on 20 Sep 1921. Inactivated on 28 Jun 1922. Activated on 1 Sep 1922. Redesignated: 28th Bombardment Squadron on 25 Jan 1923; 28th Bombardment Squadron (Medium) on 6 Dec 1939; 28th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 16 Nov 1941; 28th Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, on 28 Mar 1944. Inactivated on 1 Apr 1944. Activated on 1 Apr 1944. Redesignated: 28th Bombardment Squadron, Medium, on 10 Aug 1948; 28th Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, on 1 Jul 1961. Inactivated on 1 Oct 1983. Activated on 1 Jul 1987. Redesignated 28th Bomb Squadron on 1 Sep 1991.

Assignments

Unkn, 22 Jun 1917–Mar 1918; attached to RAF for operations and training, Mar–Jun 1918; unkn, Jun–Aug 1918; 3d Pursuit Group, Aug 1918; 2d Pursuit Group, Dec 1918–Apr 1919; unkn, Apr–16 Jun 1919. Ninth Corps Area, 20 Sep 1921–28 Jun 1922. Philippine Department, 1 Sep 1922; 4th Composite Group, 2 Dec 1922; 19th Bombardment Group, 16 Nov 1941–1 Apr 1944 (ground echelon attached to the 5th Interceptor Command, c. 24 Dec 1941–May 1942). 19th Bombardment Group, 1 Apr 1944; 19th Bombardment Wing, 1 Jun 1953–1 Oct 1983. 384th Bombardment Wing, 1 Jul 1987; 384th Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991; 384th Bomb Group, 1 Jan 1994; 7th Operations Group, 1 Oct 1994–.

Stations

Camp Kelly, TX, 22 Jul 1917; Toronto, Canada, 25 Aug 1917; Deseronto, Canada, 1 Sep 1917; Taliaferro Field No. 1, TX, 5 Nov 1917; Garden City, NY, 25 Jan–25 Feb 1918; St Marie-Cappel, France, 20 Mar 1918 (flights operated from various Stations in Nord, Pas-de-Calais, and Somme, until squadron reassembled at St Omer on 24 Jun); Boisdillinghem, France, 13 Apr 1918; Alquines, France, 15 Apr 1918; St Omer, France, 24 Jun 1918; Issoudun, France, 26 Jun 1918; Orly, France, 8 Jul 1918; Vaucouleurs, France, 16 Aug 1918; Lisle-en-Barrois, France, 20 Sep 1918; Foucaucourt, France, 6 Nov 1918; Grand, France, 15 Feb 1919; Colombey-les-Belles, France, 15 Apr 1919; Le Mans, France, 4–19 May 1919; Mitchel Field, NY, 31 May–16 Jun 1919. Mather Field, CA, 20 Sep 1921–28 Jun 1922. Clark Field, Luzon, 1 Sep 1922; Kindley Field, Corregidor, Sep 1922; Camp Nichols, Luzon, Nov 1922; Clark Field, Luzon, Dec 1922; Camp Nichols, Luzon, 4 Jun 1923; Clark Field, Luzon, 16 Jun 1938; Batchelor, Australia, c. 24 Dec 1941 (ground echelon in Luzon and Mindanao, c. 24 Dec 1941–May 1942); Singosari, Java, 30 Dec 1941; Melbourne, Australia, c. 4 Mar 1942; Cloncurry, Australia, c. 28 Mar 1942 (detachment operated from Perth, Australia, c. 28 Mar–18 May 1942); Longreach, Australia, c. 5 May 1942; Mareeba, Australia, 24 Jul–c. 18 Nov 1942; Pocatello, ID, c. 30 Dec 1942; Pyote AAB, TX, 24 Jan 1943–1 Apr 1944. Great Bend AAFld, KS, 1 Apr–8 Dec 1944; North Field, Guam, 16 Jan 1945; Kadena AB, Okinawa, 27 Jun 1950–14 May 1954; Pinecastle AFB, FL, c. 28 May 1954; Homestead AFB, FL, c. 25 Jun 1956; Robins AFB, GA, 25 Jul 1968–1 Oct 1983. McConnell AFB, KS, 1 Jul 1987; Dyess AFB, TX, 1 Oct 1994–.

Aircraft

JN–4, 1917; in addition to Spad XIII, briefly included Spad VII during period 1918–1919. Apparently included DH–4, 1921–1922. In addition to DH–4, 1922–c. 1928, and NBS–1, 1924–1930, included LB–5 and OA–1 during period 1929–1931; B–3, c. 1931–1937; B–10, 1937–1941; B–18 and B–17, successively during 1941; B–17s, LB–30s, and probably B–24s, 1941–1942; B–17, 1942–1944. B–29, 1944–1954; B–47, 1954–1961; B–52, 1962–1972, 1973–1983. B–1, 1988–.

Operations

Flying training unit, Nov–Dec 1917; combat training with units of RAF serving on the front with British Second and Fifth Armies, 20 Mar–c. 24 Jun 1918 (C flight participated in Somme Defensive, 21 Mar–6 Apr 1918); combat as pursuit unit with American First Army, 2 Sep–10 Nov 1918. Combat in Southwest Pacific, 7 Dec 1941–c. 16 Nov 1942; ground echelon fought with infantry units in Philippine Islands, c. 24 Dec 1941–May 1942; replacement training, 1 Feb 1943–1 Apr 1944; combat in Western Pacific, c. 12 Feb–15 Aug 1945. Combat in Korea, 28 Jun 1950–25 Jul 1953. Furnished B–52 aircraft and crews to other SAC organizations involved in combat operations in Southeast Asia until Oct 1973.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

World War I: Flanders; Lys; Picardy; Lorraine; St Mihiel; Meuse-Argonne. World War II: Philippine Islands; East Indies; Air Offensive, Japan; Papua; Guadalcanal; Western Pacific; Air Combat, Asiatic-Pacific Theater. Korea: UN Defensive; UN Offensive; CCF Intervention; First UN Counteroffensive; CCF Spring Offensive; UN Summer-Fall Offensive; Second Korean Winter; Korea Summer-Fall, 1952; Third Korean Winter; Korea, Summer 1953.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Philippine Islands, 7 Dec 1941–10 May 1942; Philippine Islands, 8–22 Dec 1941; Philippines and Netherlands Indies, 1 Jan–1 Mar 1942; Philippine Islands, 6 Jan–8 Mar 1942; Papua, 23 Jul–[c. 16 Nov 1942]; New Britain, 7–12 Aug 1942; Japan, 9–19 Mar 1945; Kobe, Japan,

5 Jun 1945; Korea, 28 Jun–15 Sep 1950. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards:
1 Jul 1964–30 Jun 1965; 1 Jul 1967–30 Jun 1968; 1 Jul 1982–1 Oct 1983;
1 Jul 1987–30 Jun 1989. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII).
Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation: 7 Jul 1950–27 Jul 1953.

Emblem

Khaki, a Native American warrior's head couped with face markings, necklace,
hair ornament and headband Proper, in dexter chief a lozenge Azure; all
within a diminished bordure of the last. Approved on 14 Feb 1924 and
modified in 1996; based on World War I emblem.



30th Airlift Squadron

Constituted 30th Ferrying Squadron on 9 Jul 1942. Activated on 25 Jul 1942. Redesignated 30th Transport Squadron on 24 Mar 1943. Disbanded on 1 Sep 1943. Reconstituted, and redesignated 30th Air Transport Squadron, Heavy, on 20 Jun 1952. Activated on 20 Jul 1952. Redesignated 30th Air Transport Squadron, Medium, on 18 Jul 1954. Discontinued on 25 Jun 1965. Redesignated 30th Military Airlift Squadron, and activated, on 13 Jan 1967. Organized on 8 Apr 1967. Redesignated 30th Airlift Squadron on 1 Nov 1991.

Assignments

8th Ferrying (later, 8th Transport) Group, 25 Jul 1942–1 Sep 1943. 1600th Air Transport Group, 20 Jul 1952; 1611th Air Transport Group, 16 May 1955; 1611th Air Transport Wing, 18 Jan 1963–25 Jun 1965. Military Airlift Command, 13 Jan 1967; 438th Military Airlift Wing, 8 Apr 1967; 438th Military Airlift Group, 1 Oct 1978; 438th Military Airlift Wing, 1 Jun 1980; 438th Operations Group, 1 Nov 1991; 374th Operations Group, 1 Oct 1993–.

Stations

Presque Isle AAFld, ME, 25 Jul 1942; Bluie West 1, Narsarssuak, Greenland, 6 Aug 1942–1 Sep 1943. Westover AFB, MA, 20 Jul 1952; McGuire AFB, NJ, 16 May 1955–25 Jun 1965. McGuire AFB, NJ, 8 Apr 1967–1 Oct 1993; Yokota AB, Japan, 1 Oct 1993–.

Aircraft

C-118, 1952–1965. C-141, 1967–.

Operations

Ferried bombers and P-38 aircraft over the North Atlantic route to England, Aug 1942–Aug 1943. Air transport for the Atlantic Division of MATS, Jul 1952–Jun 1965. Worldwide airlift, Aug 1967–, including support for operations in Southwest Asia, Aug 1990–Jun 1991.

Service Streamer

World War II European-African-Middle Eastern Theater.

Campaign Streamers

Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamer

Panama, 1989–1990.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 8 Apr 1967–30 Apr 1968; 1 Jul 1982–30 Jun 1984. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 8 Apr 1967–28 Jan 1973.

Emblem

On a globe per pale White and Air Force Blue, grid lines counterchanged, a stylized bird in flight silhouetted Air Force Blue, outlines and details White;

all within an inner border White and an outer border Blue. Approved on 27 May 1960 (K 11852), modified in 1994. *MOTTO*: UBIVIS QUANDO VIS—Anytime, Anywhere. Approved on 27 May 1960.



31st Special Operations Squadron

Constituted 31st Air Rescue Squadron on 17 Oct 1952. Activated on 14 Nov 1952.
Discontinued on 18 Sep 1960. Organized on 8 Jul 1963. Redesignated 31st Aerospace
Rescue and Recovery Squadron on 8 Jan 1966. Inactivated on 1 Jul 1975. Activated on
8 Jan 1981. Redesignated 31st Special Operations Squadron on 6 Apr 1989.

Assignments

2d Air Rescue Group, 14 Nov 1952; Air Rescue Service, 24 Jun 1958–18 Sep 1960. Air Rescue (later, Aerospace Rescue and Recovery) Service, 8 Jul 1963 (attached to Pacific Air Rescue [later, Pacific Aerospace Rescue and Recovery] Center, 8 Jul 1963–31 Mar 1967); Pacific Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Center (later, 41st Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Wing), 1 Apr 1967–1 Jul 1975. 41st Rescue and Weather Reconnaissance Wing, 8 Jan 1981; 353d Special Operations Wing, (later, 353d Special Operations Group) 6 Apr 1989–.

Stations

Clark AB, Philippines, 14 Nov 1952; Naha AB, Okinawa, 12–18 Sep 1960. Clark AB, Philippines, 8 Jul 1963–1 Jul 1975. Clark AB, Philippines, 8 Jan 1981; Osan AB, South Korea, 31 Mar 1993–.

Aircraft

SA-16, 1952–1960; H-19, 1952–1955; SH-19, 1955–1960. HH-19, 1963–1964; HC-54, 1964–1965; HH-43, 1964–1970, 1971–1972; HC-97, 1965–1966; HC-130, 1966–1975; HH-3, 1968–1975. HH-3, 1981–1990; CH-3, 1981–1990; MH-53, 1990–.

Operations

Combat rescue in Southeast Asia, 1965–1966. Operated Joint Rescue Coordination Center (JRCC) for Thirteenth Air Force, Apr 1967–Jul 1975. Disaster relief missions in the Philippines, 16–31 Jul 1990.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat “V” Device: 12 Feb–17 May 1975. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1964–30 Jun 1966; 1 Jul 1966–31 May 1968; 1 Jun 1969–31 May 1971; 1 Jun 1971–31 May 1973; 1 Jun 1973–31 May 1975; 17 Jul 1979–15 Jun 1981; 1 Apr 1984–31 Mar 1986; 1 Apr 1986–31 Mar 1988; 6 Apr 1989–5 Apr 1991. Meritorious Unit Citation (Navy): 1 Jul 1967–26 Jul 1969. Philippine Republic Presidential

Unit Citation: 21 Jul–15 Aug 1972. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 1 Apr 1966–17 Jan 1967.

Emblem

Argent (Silver Gray) a chess knight Sable, perched on a Brown demi-globe issuant from base between two pole stars Argent, all within a diminished bordure of the second. *MOTTO*: BLACK KNIGHTS. Approved on 15 Sep 1993; replaced emblem approved on 7 Aug 1953 (K 6981).



32d Air Refueling Squadron

Organized as 32d Aero Squadron on 13 Jun 1917. Demobilized on 14 Apr 1919. Reconstituted, and redesignated 32d Bombardment Squadron, on 24 Mar 1923. Activated on 24 Jun 1932. Redesignated: 32d Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 6 Dec 1939; 32d Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, c. 6 Mar 1944; 32d Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, on 5 Aug 1945. Inactivated on 15 Oct 1945. Activated on 4 Aug 1946. Redesignated 32d Bombardment Squadron, Medium, on 28 May 1948. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 8 Jun 1964. Redesignated 32d Air Refueling Squadron, Heavy, and activated, on 23 Dec 1964. Organized on 15 Mar 1965. Inactivated on 30 Sep 1979. Activated on 1 Nov 1981. Redesignated 32d Air Refueling Squadron on 1 Sep 1991.

Assignments

Unkn, 13 Jun–Sep 1917; Third Aviation Instruction Center, Sep 1917–Jan 1919; unkn, Jan–14 Apr 1919. 19th Bombardment Group, 24 Jun 1932 (attached to IV Bomber Command, 22 Oct–Dec 1941; apparently attached to 7th Bombardment Group for operations, c. 8–15 Dec 1941); Sierra Bombardment Group, 16 Dec 1941; Fourth Air Force, 17 Jan 1942; Second Air Force, 16 Mar 1942 (attached to 301st Bombardment Group, 16–30 Mar 1942); 301st Bombardment Group, 31 Mar 1942–15 Oct 1945. 301st Bombardment Group, 4 Aug 1946 (attached to 301st Bombardment Wing, 10 Feb 1951–15 Jun 1952); 301st Bombardment Wing, 16 Jun 1952–8 Jun 1964. Strategic Air Command, 23 Dec 1964; 301st Air Refueling Wing, 15 Mar 1965–30 Sep 1979. 2d Bombardment Wing, 1 Nov 1981; 2d Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991; 458th Operations Group, 1 Jun 1992; 305th Operations Group, 1 Jul 1995–.

Stations

Camp Kelly, TX, 13 Jun–11 Aug 1917; Etampes, France, 20 Sep 1917; Issoudun, France, 28 Sep 1917; Bordeaux, France, c. 6 Jan–c. 18 Mar 1919; Mitchel Field, NY, c. 5–14 Apr 1919. Rockwell Field, CA, 24 Jun 1932; March Field, CA, 25 Oct 1935; Albuquerque, NM, c. 4 Jun–22 Nov 1941 (air echelon, which was at Hamilton Field, CA, under orders for movement to Philippine Islands at time of Japanese attack on Hawaii on 7 Dec 1941, apparently moved to Muroc, CA, c. 8 Dec 1941; ground echelon departed San Francisco aboard ship on 6 Dec 1941 and returned on 9 Dec 1941); Bakersfield, CA, 17 Dec 1941 (air echelon evidently departed for Southwest Pacific, c. late Dec 1941; concurrently dissolved and personnel assigned to other units); Geiger Field, WA, c. 14 Mar 1942; Alamogordo, NM, 27 May 1942 (operated from Muroc, CA, c. 28 May–14 Jun 1942); Richard E. Byrd Field, VA, 21 Jun–19 Jul 1942; Chelveston, England, 18 Aug 1942; Tafaraoui, Algeria, 26 Nov 1942; Maison Blanche, Algeria, 6 Dec 1942; Biskra, Algeria, 16 Dec 1942; Ain M'lila, Algeria, 16 Jan 1943; St-Donat, Algeria, 8 Mar 1943; Oudna, Tunisia, 6 Aug 1943; Cerignola, Italy, 11 Dec 1943; Lucera, Italy, 2 Feb 1944–Jul 1945; Sioux Falls AAFld, SD, 28 Jul 1945; Mountain Home AAFld, ID, 17 Aug 1945; Pyote AAFld, TX, 23 Aug–15 Oct 1945. Clovis AAFld, NM, 4 Aug 1946; Smoky Hill AAFld (later, AFB), KS, 16 Jul 1947; Barksdale AFB, LA, 7 Nov 1949 (deployed at RAF Lakenheath, England, 16 May–1 Dec 1950; Brize Norton RAF Station, England, 8 Dec 1952–6 Mar 1953; and Sidi Slimane AB, French Morocco,

14 Feb–15 Apr 1954); Lockbourne AFB, OH, 15 Apr 1958–8 Jun 1964. Lockbourne (later, Rickenbacker) AFB, OH, 15 Mar 1965–30 Sep 1979. Barksdale AFB, LA, 1 Nov 1981; McGuire AFB, NJ, 1 Sep 1994–.

Aircraft

Included C–26, O–27, B–12, and apparently B–3 during period 1932–1935; included B–10, B–18, and B–17, successively, during period 1935–1941; B–17, 1942–1945. B–29, 1947–1953; B–47, 1953–1961, 1963–1964; RB–47, 1958; E/EB–47, 1961–1964. EC–135, 1965–1966; KC–135, 1965–1972, 1972–1979. KC–10, 1981–.

Operations

Aircraft repair, 1917–1918. Antisubmarine patrols off California Coast, mid-Dec 1941, and c. late May–c. early Jun 1942. Combat in ETO and MTO, 2 Oct 1942–c. 26 Apr 1945. Electronic countermeasures, 1958–1964. Air refueling operations worldwide, 1965–1979 and 1981–. From c. 10 Jun–8 Oct 1972, all personnel and aircraft were on loan to units in Pacific or other SAC units leaving squadron unmanned. Deployed most aircraft and personnel to SEA, Oct–Dec 1972, in support of Linebacker II. Deployed aircrews and tankers to various locations for air refueling support in Southwest Asia, Aug 1990–Apr 1991.

Service Streamers

World War I Theater of Operations.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater; Air Offensive, Europe; Egypt-Libya; Tunisia; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Anzio; Rome-Arno; Normandy; Northern France; Southern France; North Apennines; Rhineland; Central Europe; Po Valley; Air Combat, EAME Theater. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Tunisia, 6 Apr 1943; Germany, 25 Feb 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jan 1961–31 Dec 1962; 1 Oct 1966–1 Apr 1967; 1 Jul 1983–30 Jun 1985; 1 Jul 1985–30 Jun 1986; 1 Jul 1986–30 Jun 1987; 1 Jul 1987–30 Jun 1988; 1 Jul 1988–30 Jun 1989.

Emblem

Celeste, on an equilateral triangle one point to base Azure a stylized eagle Argent grasping two lightning flashes saltirewise Or surmounted in base by a compass rose as a mullet of eight Gules, all within a diminished bordure of the fourth. Approved on 27 Sep 1994; replaced emblems approved on 23 Aug 1982 (DFSC 82-08972), 9 Aug 1966 (KE 20821) and 21 Nov 1936 (8569 A.C.). *MOTTO*: LINKING THE CONTINENTS. Approved on 9 Aug 1966.



32d Flying Training Squadron

Constituted 32d Transport Squadron on 28 Jan 1942. Activated on 2 Mar 1942.

Redesignated 32d Troop Carrier Squadron on 4 Jul 1942. Inactivated on 30 Sept 1946.

Redesignated 32d Tactical Airlift Squadron on 18 Jun 1973. Activated on 1 Sep 1973.

Inactivated on 30 Jun 1979. Redesignated 32d Airlift Flight on 1 May 1993. Activated on 31 May 1993. Inactivated on 1 Oct 1993. Redesignated 32d Flying Training Squadron on 3 Mar 1995. Activated on 1 Jun 1995.

Assignments

314th Transport (later, Troop Carrier) Group, 2 Mar 1942; 441st Troop Carrier Group, attached in Sep 1945, assigned Dec 1945–30 Sep 1946. 314th Tactical Airlift Wing, 1 Sep 1973 (attached to the 513th Tactical Airlift Wing, 5 Nov 1973–16 Jan 1974, 3 Sep–14 Nov 1975; 322d Tactical Airlift Wing, 3 Feb–16 Apr 1975; 435th Combat Support Group, 3 Jun–14 Aug 1976, 13 Feb–13 Apr 1977; 435th Tactical Airlift Group, 9 Sep–14 Nov 1977); 314th Tactical Airlift Group, 1 Nov 1978–30 Jun 1979 (attached to the 313th Tactical Airlift Group, 17 Feb–14 Apr 1979). 46th Test Wing, 31 May–1 Oct 1993. 71st Operations Group, 1 Jun 1995–.

Stations

Drew Field, FL, 2 Mar 1942; Bowman Field, KY, 24 Jun 1942; Knobnoster, MO, 5 Nov 1942; Lawson Field, GA, 22 Feb–4 May 1943; Berguent, French Morocco, May 1943; Kairouan, Tunisia, 26 Jun 1943; Castelvetrano, Sicily, 1 Sep 1943–13 Feb 1944; Saltby, England, 20 Feb 1944; Poix, France, 28 Feb 1945; Frankfurt, Germany, 23 Sep 1945–30 Sep 1946. Little Rock AFB, AR, 1 Sep 1973–30 Jun 1979 (deployed at RAF Mildenhall, England, 5 Nov 1973–16 Jan 1974, 3 Sep–14 Nov 1975, 9 Sep–14 Nov 1977, 17 Feb–14 Apr 1979; Rhein–Main AB, Germany, 3 Feb–16 Apr 1975, 3 Jun–14 Aug 1976, 13 Feb–13 Apr 1977). Eglin AFB, FL, 31 May–1 Oct 1993. Vance AFB, OK, 1 Jun 1995–.

Aircraft

Principally C–47, 1942–1946. C–130, 1973–1979.

Operations

Included airborne assaults on Sicily, Normandy, Holland, and Germany, as well as aerial transportation in the MTO and ETO, during World War II. Carried passengers, mail, and cargo for European Air Transport Service, Sep 1945–Sep 1946. Conducted worldwide airlift operations, 1973–1979.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Rome-Arno; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Central Europe.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Sicily, 11 Jul 1943; France, [6–7] Jun 1944.

Emblem

Celeste, an eagle perched on a “Liberty” bell in base Or, head, tail and wings Argent, wings elevated and surmounting a pair of wings conjoined fesswise of the second, all detailed Gold Brown debruised at center by a hurt charged with a mullet White; all within a diminished bordure Yellow. Approved on 2 Jan 1974 and modified in 1996 (KE 53904).



33d Flight Test Squadron

Constituted 33d Transport Squadron on 2 Feb 1942. Activated on 14 Feb 1942.

Redesignated 33d Troop Carrier Squadron on 4 Jul 1942. Inactivated on 15 Feb 1946.

Redesignated 33d Flight Test Squadron on 14 Jul 1994. Activated on 1 Oct 1994.

Assignments

315th Transport (later, 315th Troop Carrier) Group, 14 Feb 1942; 374th Troop Carrier Group, 12 Nov 1942–15 Feb 1946. Air Mobility Warfare Center, 1 Oct 1994–.

Stations

Olmsted Field, PA, 14 Feb 1942; Bowman Field, KY, 17 Jun 1942; Florence, SC, 3 Aug–30 Sep 1942; Brisbane, Australia, 1 Dec 1942 (detachments operated from New Caledonia, 25 Oct–29 Nov 1942, and Cairns, Australia, c. 1 Nov–10 Dec 1942); Port Moresby, New Guinea, 28 Dec 1942; Garbutt Field, Australia, 5 Oct 1943; Port Moresby, New Guinea, Apr 1944; Hollandia, New Guinea, 15 Oct 1944; Nielson Field, Luzon, 8 Apr 1945–15 Feb 1946. McGuire AFB, NJ, 1 Oct 1994–.

Aircraft

C–47, 1942–1946; C–46, 1945–1946.

Operations

Aerial transportation in South and Southwest Pacific during World War II. Conducted operational tests and evaluations, 1 Oct 1994–.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Papua; New Guinea; Guadalcanal; Northern Solomons; Bismarck Archipelago; Western Pacific; Leyte; Luzon; Southern Philippines.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Papua, [Nov] 1942–23 Jan 1943; Papua, 12 Nov–22 Dec 1942; Wau, New Guinea, 30 Jan–1 Feb 1943. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII).

Emblem

Azure issuant from sinister base a cubit arm in armour fesswise Proper grasping in its hand a sword bendwise Argent grip Gules garnished of the first all between five mullets of eight forming the constellation “Southern Cross” White; all within a diminished bordure Or. Approved on 29 Mar 1995.



33d Rescue Squadron

Constituted 33d Air Rescue Squadron on 17 Oct 1952. Activated on 14 Nov 1952. Discontinued on 18 Mar 1960. Organized on 18 Jun 1961. Redesignated: 33d Air Recovery Squadron on 1 Jul 1965; 33d Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron on 8 Jan 1966. Inactivated on 1 Oct 1970. Activated on 1 Jul 1971. Redesignated: 33d Air Rescue Squadron on 1 Jun 1989; 33d Rescue Squadron on 1 Feb 1993.

Assignments

2d Air Rescue Group, 14 Nov 1952 (attached to Twentieth Air Force, 14 Nov 1952–1 Mar 1955; 3d Air Rescue Group, 1 Mar–19 Sep 1955); 3d Air Rescue Group, 20 Sep 1955; 2d Air Rescue Group, 18 Jun 1957; Air Rescue Service, 24 Jun 1958–18 Mar 1960 (attached to Pacific Air Forces, 24 Jun 1958–17 Mar 1959; Detachment 2, Air Rescue Service [Pacific Recovery Operations Center], 18 Mar 1959–18 Mar 1960). Air Rescue (later, Aerospace Rescue and Recovery) Service, 18 Jun 1961 (attached to Detachment 1, Air Rescue Service [Pacific Recovery Operations Center], 18 Jun–8 Oct 1961; Pacific Air Rescue Center [later, Pacific Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Center], 8 Oct 1961–31 Mar 1967); Pacific Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Center (later, 41st Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Wing), 1 Apr 1967–1 Oct 1970. 41st Aerospace Rescue and Recovery (later, 41st Rescue and Weather Reconnaissance) Wing, 1 Jul 1971; Air Rescue Service, 1 Aug 1989; 18th Operations Group, 1 Feb 1993–.

Stations

Kadena AB, Okinawa, 14 Nov 1952; Naha AB, Okinawa, 14 Apr 1955–18 Mar 1960. Naha AB, Okinawa, 18 Jun 1961–1 Oct 1970. Kadena AB, Okinawa, 1 Jul 1971–.

Aircraft

SA–16, 1952–1960; SH–19, 1952–1960; SC–47, 1952–1956. SA–16 (later, HU–16), 1961–1968; SH–19 (later, HH–19), 1961–1964; HH–43, 1964–1966; C–54, 1966; HH–3, 1968–1970; HC–97, 1968–1969. HH–43, 1971–1972; HH–3, 1971–1975, 1982–; HC–130, 1972–1989; HH–53, 1975–1982; CH–3, 1982–.

Operations

Search, rescue and recovery, 1952–1960, 1961–1970, 1971–, including Vietnam, 1965–1967; following the seizure of the *USS Pueblo* by North Korea, 29 Jan–16 Sep 1968; and search efforts and salvage operations, Sep–Oct 1983, after a Soviet fighter aircraft shot down South Korean airliner KAL 007.

Service Streamers

Korean Theater.

Campaign Streamers

Vietnam: Vietnam Advisory; Vietnam Defensive; Vietnam Air; Vietnam Air Offensive; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1956–31 Dec 1958; 15 Jun 1964–31 May 1965; 1 Jun 1965–30 Jun 1966; 1 Jul 1966–31 May 1968; 1 Jun 1969–30 Sep 1970; 1 Jun 1973–31 May 1975; 1 Sep 1975–1 May 1977; 16 Jul 1977–16 Jul 1979; 17 Jul 1979–15 Jun 1981; 1 Apr 1984–31 Mar 1986; 1 Apr 1987–31 Mar 1988. Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation: 1 Jul 1967–26 Jul 1969. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 1 Apr 1966–17 Jan 1967.

Emblem

On a Blue disc a Yellow crown garnished Red in the top of the disc, a Blue cross edged White and surmounted by a Green footprint bendwise in dexter base and a stylized White seagull surmounting a Light Blue representation of water in sinister base. Approved on 21 Mar 1978 (K 65479) and modified in 1994; replaced emblems approved on 27 Apr 1960 (K 11774) and 7 Aug 1953 (47424 A.C.). *MOTTO*: THAT OTHERS MAY LIVE. Approved on 21 Mar 1978.



34th Bomb Squadron

Organized as 34th Aero Squadron on 11 Jun 1917. Demobilized on 10 Jun 1919. Reconstituted, and redesignated 34th Pursuit Squadron, on 24 Mar 1923. Activated on 15 Jul 1931. Redesignated: 34th Attack Squadron on 1 Mar 1935; 34th Bombardment Squadron (Medium) on 17 Oct 1939; 34th Bombardment Squadron, Medium, on 9 Oct 1944. Inactivated on 26 Nov 1945. Redesignated 34th Bombardment Squadron, Light, on 29 Apr 1947. Activated on 19 May 1947. Inactivated on 10 Sep 1948. Redesignated 34th Bombardment Squadron, Light, Night Intruder, on 8 May 1952. Activated on 10 May 1952. Redesignated on 34th Bombardment Squadron, Tactical, on 1 Oct 1955. Inactivated on 25 Jun 1958. Redesignated 34th Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, and activated, on 15 Nov 1962. Organized on 1 Feb 1963. Inactivated on 30 Sep 1976. Redesignated 34th Bomb Squadron, and activated, on 1 Jul 1992.

Assignments

Unkn, 11 Jun–Dec 1917; Second Aviation Instruction Center, Dec 1917–1919; unkn, 1919–10 Jun 1919. 17th Pursuit (later, 17th Attack; 17th Bombardment) Group, 15 Jul 1931–26 Nov 1945. 17th Bombardment Group, 19 May 1947–10 Sep 1948. 17th Bombardment Group, 10 May 1952–25 Jun 1958. Strategic Air Command, 15 Nov 1962; 17th Bombardment Wing, 1 Feb 1963–30 Sep 1976. 366th Operations Group, 1 Jul 1992–.

Stations

Camp Kelly, TX, 11 Jun–11 Aug 1917; England, 15 Sep–19 Dec 1917; Tours, France, 23 Dec 1917–1919; Mitchel Field, NY, c. 27 May–10 Jun 1919. March Field, CA, 15 Jul 1931; McChord Field, WA, 24 Jun 1940; Pendleton, OR, 29 Jun 1941; Portland, OR, 28 Dec 1941; Pendleton, OR, 1 3 Jan 1942; Lexington County Aprt, SC, 16 Feb 1942; Barksdale Field, LA, 24 Jun–18 Nov 1942; Telergma, Algeria, 23 Dec 1942; Sedrata, Algeria, c. 13 May 1943; Djedeida, Tunisia, 25 Jun 1943; Villacidro, Sardinia, c. 6 Dec 1943; Poretta, Corsica, 21 Sep 1944; Dijon, France, 20 Nov 1944; Linz, Austria, c. 18 Jun 1945; Horsching, Austria, 8 Jul 1945; Marchtrenk, Austria, 10 Aug 1945; Clastres, France, c. 3 Oct–c. 17 Nov 1945; Camp Myles Standish, MA, 25–26 Nov 1945. Langley Field (later, AFB), VA, 19 May 1947–10 Sep 1948. Pusan AB, Korea, 10 May 1952; Miho AB, Japan, 10 Oct 1954–c. 19 Mar 1955; Eglin AF Aux Field No 9, FL, 1 Apr 1955; RAF Sculthorpe, England, 18 Jan–4 Mar 1958; Eglin AF Aux Field No 9, FL, 4 Mar–25 Jun 1958. Wright-Patterson AFB, OH, 1 Feb 1963; Beale AFB, CA, 30 Sep 1975–30 Sep 1976. Castle AFB, CA, 1 Jul 1992; Ellsworth AFB, SD, 4 Apr 1994–.

Aircraft

P–12, 1931–1934, 1935–1936; P–26, 1934–1935; in addition to A–17 included YA–19 during period 1936–1940; B–18, 1939–1940; B–23, 1940–1941; B–25, 1941–1942; B–26, 1942–1945. B–26, 1952–1956; B–57, 1955–1956; B–66, 1956–1958. B–52, 1963–1976. B–52, 1992–.

Operations

Ground training unit, 1918. Antisubmarine patrols, 22 Dec 1941–c. Mar 1942. Contributed aircrews for the Doolittle raid on Tokyo, Japan, of 6 Apr 1942. Combat in MTO and ETO, 30 Dec 1942–1 May 1945. German disarmament, Jun–Sep 1945. Combat in Korea, c. 10 May 1952–Jul 1953. Provided crews and aircraft to other SAC units conducting combat operations over Southeast Asia.

Service Streamers

World War I Theater of Operations.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater; Tunisia; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Anzio; Rome-Arno; Southern France; North Appennines; Rhineland; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater. Korea: Korea Summer-Fall, 1952; Third Korean Winter; Korea, Summer 1953.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Italy, 13 Jan 1944; Schweinfurt, Germany, 10 Apr 1945; Korea, 1 Dec 1952–30 Apr 1953. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1963–31 Mar 1964; 1 Jul 1971–30 Jun 1973; 1 Jan–31 Dec 1975. French Croix de Guerre with Palm: Apr, May, and Jun 1944. Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation: 24 May 1952–31 Mar 1953.

Emblem

On a White disc bordered Black a Native American Thunderbird bendwise sinister, Black eyed White with Red pupil emitting Red lightning flashes bendwise from the eye, bearing on its breast with a White inverted step pyramid charged with three Red pallets. Approved 18 Jun 1932 (KE 2666).



34th Fighter Squadron

Constituted 34th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 5 Oct 1944. Activated on 15 Oct 1944. Inactivated on 15 Oct 1946. Redesignated 34th Fighter-Day Squadron on 26 Aug 1954. Activated on 11 Nov 1954. Redesignated 34th Tactical Fighter Squadron on 1 Jul 1958. Inactivated on 15 Mar 1959. Activated on 2 May 1966. Organized on 15 May 1966. Redesignated 34th Fighter Squadron on 1 Nov 1991.

Assignments

413th Fighter Group, 15 Oct 1944–15 Oct 1946. 413th Fighter-Day Group, 11 Nov 1954 (attached to Ninth Air Force, 6 Jun–c. 13 Jul 1956); 413th Fighter-Day (later, 413th Tactical Fighter) Wing, 8 Oct 1957–15 Mar 1959. Pacific Air Forces, 2 May 1966; 41st Air Division, 15 May 1966 (attached to 388th Tactical Fighter Wing, 15 May 1966–); 347th Tactical Fighter Wing, 15 Jan 1968 (remained attached to 388th Tactical Fighter Wing to 14 Mar 1971); 388th Tactical Fighter (later, 388th Fighter) Wing, 15 Mar 1971; 388th Operations Group, 1 Dec 1991–.

Stations

Seymour Johnson Field, NC, 15 Oct 1944; Bluethenthal Field, NC, 9 Nov 1944–7 Apr 1945; Ie Shima, 19 May 1945; Kadena AB, Okinawa, c. 17 Oct 1945; Yontan AB, Okinawa, 29 Jan–15 Oct 1946. George AFB, CA, 11 Nov 1954–15 Mar 1959 (deployed at Shaw AFB, SC, 6 Jun–c. 13 Jul 1956; Ramey AFB, Puerto Rico, 17–22 Jun 1957; Luke AFB, AZ, 13–26 Jul 1958). Korat RTAFB, Thailand, 15 May 1966–23 Dec 1975 (operated from Takhli RTAFB, Thailand, 1–27 Feb 1969); Hill AFB, UT, 23 Dec 1975–.

Aircraft

P–47, 1944–1946. F–86, 1954–1956; F–100, 1956–1959. F–105, 1966–1969; F–4, 1969–1974, 1974–1975, 1976–1979; F–16, 1979–.

Operations

Combat in Western Pacific, 20 May–14 Aug 1945. Combat in Southeast Asia, by 1 Jul 1966–15 Aug 1973. Combat air cover for the evacuation of Phnom Penh, Cambodia, and Saigon, Vietnam, Apr 1975. Air cover during the recovery of the *SS Mayaguez* and its crew, May 1975. F–16 replacement training unit for US and foreign pilots, 27 Sep 1979–1 Jul 1982. Contributed personnel and aircraft for attrition reserves in Southwest Asia at Torrejon AB, Spain, 18–27 Feb 1991. Deployed aircraft and personnel to Southwest Asia to ensure that Iraq complied with treaty terms, 13 Dec 1991–14 Jun 1992.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Japan; Eastern Mandates; Western Pacific; Ryukyus; China Offensive. Vietnam: Vietnam Air; Vietnam Air Offensive; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam

Air/Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; TET 69/Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer-Fall, 1969; Vietnam Winter-Spring, 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon; Commando Hunt V; Commando Hunt VI; Commando Hunt VII; Vietnam Ceasefire.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Presidential Unit Citation: Southeast Asia, 10 Mar –1 May 1967. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat “V” Device: 29–30 Jun 1966; 1 Jul 1966–30 Jun 1967; 1 Jul 1967–30 Jun 1968; 1 Jul 1968–15 Sep 1969; 15 Mar–20 May 1971; 18 Dec 1972–15 Aug 1973; 15 Oct 1974–12 May 1975; 13–15 May 1975. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 15 May 1966–28 Jan 1973.

Emblem

On a Black disc, border Red, a jagged, Red lightning flash across chief, surmounted by a White ram’s head caboshed, eyes and nostrils Red, snorting a cloud of White vapor from each nostril, and having a ring in the nose in the shape of the ace of spades, with two, Red chain segments affixed thereto. Approved on 9 Nov 1945 (151885 A.C.).



35th Fighter Squadron

Organized as 35th Aero Squadron on 12 Jun 1917. Demobilized on 19 Mar 1919. Reconstituted, and redesignated 35th Pursuit Squadron, on 24 Mar 1923. Activated on 25 Jun 1932. Redesignated: 35th Pursuit Squadron (Fighter) on 6 Dec 1939; 35th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) on 12 Mar 1941; 35th Fighter Squadron on 15 May 1942; 35th Fighter Squadron, Two Engine, on 19 Feb 1944; 35th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 8 Jan 1946; 35th Fighter Squadron, Jet, on 1 Jan 1950; 35th Fighter-Bomber Squadron on 20 Jan 1950; 35th Tactical Fighter Squadron on 1 Jul 1958; 35th Fighter Squadron on 3 Feb 1992.

Assignments

Unkn, 12 Jun–Nov 1917; Third Aviation Instruction Center, Nov 1917–Jan 1919; unkn, Jan–19 Mar 1919. 8th Pursuit (later, 8th Fighter; 8th Fighter-Bomber) Group, 25 Jun 1932 (attached to 8th Fighter-Bomber Wing, 1 Feb–30 Sep 1957); 8th Fighter-Bomber (later, 8th Tactical Fighter) Wing, 1 Oct 1957 (attached to 41st Air Division, 13 May–17 Jun 1964); 41st Air Division, 18 Jun 1964 (attached to 2d Air Division, 24 Sep–20 Nov 1964); 6441st Tactical Fighter Wing, 1 Apr 1965 (attached to 2d Air Division, 4 May–26 Jun 1965 and 19 Oct–15 Nov 1965); 41st Air Division, 15 Nov 1966; 347th Tactical Fighter Wing, 15 Jan 1968 (attached to Detachment 1, 347th Tactical Fighter Wing, 10 Jun–16 Jul 1968, 22 Aug–1 Oct 1968, 22 Nov–26 Dec 1968, 21 Mar–23 Apr 1969, 30 Jun–6 Aug 1969, 17 Oct–29 Nov 1969, 30 Jan–7 Mar 1970, 8–30 May 1970, 11 Jul–8 Aug 1970, 2–30 Oct 1970, and 26 Dec 1970–23 Jan 1971); 3d Tactical Fighter Wing, 15 Mar 1971 (attached to 366th Tactical Fighter Wing, 3 Apr–12 Jun 1972; 388th Tactical Fighter Wing, 12 Jun–c. 12 Oct 1972); 8th Tactical Fighter (later, 8th Fighter) Wing, 16 Sep 1974; 8th Operations Group, 3 Feb 1992–.

Stations

Camp Kelly, TX, 12 Jun–11 Aug 1917; Etampes, France, 20 Sep 1917; Paris, France, 23 Sep 1917; Issoudun, France, Nov 1917; Clisson, France, 4 Jan 1919; St. Nazaire, France, 9–20 Feb 1919; Garden City, NY, 9–19 Mar 1919. Langley Field, VA, 25 Jun 1932; Mitchel Field, NY, 14 Nov 1940–26 Jan 1942; Brisbane, Australia, 6 Mar 1942; Port Moresby, New Guinea, 26 Apr 1942; Woodstock, Australia, 29 Jun 1942; Townsville, Australia, 27 Jul 1942; Milne Bay, New Guinea, 18 Sep 1942; Mareeba, Australia, 24 Feb 1943; Port Moresby, New Guinea, 10 May 1943; Finschhafen, New Guinea, 25 Dec 1943; Cape Gloucester, New Britain, 19 Feb 1944; Nadzab, New Guinea, 14 Mar 1944; Owi, Schouten Islands, 1 Jul 1944; Morotai, 4 Oct 1944; Dulag, Leyte, 5 Nov 1944 (operated from Morotai, 5–28 Nov 1944); San Jose, Mindoro, 20 Dec 1944; Ie Shima, 9 Aug 1945; Fukuoka, Japan, c. 21 Nov 1945; Ashiya AB, Japan 20 May 1946; Itazuke AB, Japan, 5 Sep 1946; Ashiya AB, Japan, 15 Apr 1947; Miho AB, Japan, 10 Aug 1948; Itazuke AB, Japan, 16 Jun 1949; Tsuiki AB, Japan, 11 Aug 1950; Suwon AB, South Korea, 7 Oct 1950; Kimpo AB, South Korea, 26 Oct 1950; Pyongyang, North Korea, 25 Nov 1950; Seoul AB, South Korea, 3 Dec 1950; Itazuke AB, Japan, 10 Dec 1950; Kimpo AB, South Korea, 25 Jun 1951; Suwon AB, South Korea, 24 Aug 1951; Itazuke AB, Japan, 20 Oct 1954; Yokota AB, Japan, 13 May 1964 (deployed at Korat RTAFB, Thailand, 24 Sep–20 Nov

1964; Takhli RTAFB, Thailand, 4 May–25 Jun 1965 and 19 Oct–15 Nov 1965; Osan AB, South Korea, 10 Jun–16 Jul 1968, 22 Aug–1 Oct 1968, 23 Nov–26 Dec 1968, 21 Mar–23 Apr 1969, 30 Jun–6 Aug 1969, 17 Oct–29 Nov 1969, 30 Jan–7 Mar 1970, 8–30 May 1970, 11 Jul–8 Aug 1970, 2–30 Oct 1970, and 26 Dec 1970–23 Jan 1971); Kunsan AB, South Korea, 15 Mar 1971– (deployed at DaNang AB, South Vietnam, 3 Apr–12 Jun 1972; Korat RTAFB, Thailand, 13 Jun–c. 12 Oct 1972).

Aircraft

In addition to P–12, 1932–1936, included P–6 during period 1933–1936; in addition to PB–2, 1936–1939, and P–36, 1939–1940, included YP–37 and A–17 during period 1938–1940; P–40, 1940–1941, 1943–1944; P–39, 1941–1943; P–400, 1942–1943; P–38, 1944–1946; P(later F)–51, 1946–1950, 1950; F–80, 1949–1950, 1950–1953; F–86, 1953–1957; F–100, 1956–1963; F–105, 1963–1967; F–4, 1967–1971, 1971–1981; F–16, 1981–.

Operations

Assembled and maintained aircraft and constructed facilities, 1917–1918. Combat in Southwest and Western Pacific, 30 Apr 1942–14 Aug 1945. Combat in Korea, 27 Jun 1950–27 Jul 1953. Air defense in Japan and Korea, 1953–1971. Combat in Southeast Asia, 5 Oct–c. 20 Nov 1964, 5 May–25 Jun 1965, 28 Oct–7 Nov 1965, and c. 3 Apr–10 Oct 1972.

Service Streamers

World War I Theater of Operations.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: East Indies; Air Offensive, Japan; China Defensive; Papua; New Guinea; Bismarck Archipelago; Western Pacific; Leyte; Luzon with Arrowhead; Southern Philippines; China Offensive. Korea: UN Defensive; UN Offensive; CCF Intervention; First UN Counteroffensive; CCF Spring Offensive; UN Summer-Fall Offensive; Second Korean Winter; Korea Summer-Fall, 1952; Third Korean Winter; Korea, Summer 1953. Vietnam: Vietnam Advisory; Vietnam Defensive; Vietnam Ceasefire.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Papua, 23 Jul 1942–23 Jan 1943; New Britain, 26 Dec 1943; New Guinea, 16 Jan 1944; Philippine Islands, 26 Dec 1944;

Korea, 16 Sep–2 Nov 1950. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 12 May 1963–21 Mar 1964; 1 Apr–30 Jun 1965; 4 May 1965–8 Jun 1965; 15 Apr 1969–15 Mar 1971; 1 Jul 1972–31 Dec 1973; 1 Apr 1977–31 Mar 1978; 1 Jun 1986–31 May 1988. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII). Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citations: 27 Jun 1950–31 Jan 1941; 1 Feb 1951–31 Mar 1953. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 1 Apr 1966–12 Oct 1972.

Emblem

On a Gray disc within a Blue border a Black panther garnished White courant, tongue Red. Approved on 7 Nov 1932 (K 11990). *MOTTO*: FIRST TO FIGHT. Approved on 25 Jan 1980.



35th Flying Training Squadron

Constituted 35th Transport Squadron on 2 Feb 1942. Activated on 14 Feb 1942.
Redesignated 35th Troop Carrier Squadron on 4 Jul 1942. Inactivated on 31 Jul 1945.
Redesignated 35th Troop Carrier Squadron, Medium, on 3 Jul 1952. Activated on 14 Jul 1952. Inactivated on 21 Jul 1954. Activated on 20 Dec 1962. Organized on 8 Jan 1963.
Redesignated: 35th Troop Carrier Squadron on 8 Dec 1965; 35th Tactical Airlift Squadron on 1 Aug 1967. Inactivated on 31 Mar 1971. Redesignated 35th Flying Training Squadron on 14 Apr 1972. Activated on 1 Oct 1972.

Assignments

315th Transport Group, 14 Feb 1942; 64th Transport (later, 64th Troop Carrier) Group, 9 Jun 1942–31 Jul 1945. 64th Troop Carrier Group, 14 Jul 1952–21 Jul 1954. Pacific Air Forces, 20 Dec 1962; 315th Air Division, 8 Jan 1963; 374th Troop Carrier (later, 374th Tactical Airlift) Wing, 8 Aug 1966–31 Mar 1971. 64th Flying Training Wing, 1 Oct 1972; 64th Operations Group, 15 Dec 1991–.

Stations

Olmsted Field, PA, 14 Feb 1942; Westover Field, MA, 8 Jun–31 Jul 1942; Ramsbury, England, 18 Aug–Nov 1942 (operated from Casablanca, French Morocco, 14 Nov–Dec 1942); Blida, Algeria, c. 12 Dec 1942 (operated from Telergma, Algeria, 4 Jan–21 Mar 1943); Kairouan, Tunisia, 28 Jun 1943; El Djem, Tunisia, 26 Jul 1943; Comiso, Sicily, 7 Sep 1943 (operated from bases in India, Apr–Jun 1944); Ciampino, Italy, 8 Jul 1944 (operated from Istres, France, 6 Sep–11 Oct 1944); Rosignano Airfield, Italy, 9 Jan–23 May 1945; Waller Field, Trinidad, 4 Jun–31 Jul 1945. Donaldson AFB, SC, 14 Jul 1952–21 Jul 1954. Naha AB, Okinawa, 8 Jan 1963–31 Mar 1971. Reese AFB, TX, 1 Oct 1972–.

Aircraft

C–47, 1942–1945. C–82, 1952–1953; C–119, 1953–1954. C–130, 1963–1971. T–37, 1972–.

Operations

During World War II, included airborne assaults on Sicily and Southern France; support for partisans in northern Italy, Jan–May 1945; aerial transportation in MTO, and briefly in CBI. Transported cargo and personnel in the Far East and Southeast Asia, 1963–1971. Undergraduate pilot training, 1972–.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Tunisia; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Rome-Arno; Southern France; North Apennines; Po Valley; India-Burma.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: CBI Theater, 7 Apr–15 Jun 1944. Presidential Unit Citation: Southeast Asia, 8 Aug 1967–7 Aug 1968. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1964–30 Apr 1966; 8 Aug 1966–7 Aug 1967; 1 Jan 1974–31 Dec 1975; 30 Apr 1981–29 Apr 1983; 30 Apr 1983–31 Dec 1984; 1 Jan 1985–31 Mar 1986; 1 Apr 1987–31 Mar 1989; 1 Apr 1988–31 Mar 1990. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 8 Aug 1966–31 Mar 1971.

Emblem

Azure, two ribbons barbed, each arcing from base doubled in chief braced and arcing back to base Or, between five mullets one, two, Or, and two Argent. Approved on 20 Feb 1973 (KE 48987); replaced emblem approved on 15 Jul 1954 (150593 A.C.).



36th Airlift Squadron

Constituted 36th Transport Squadron on 2 Feb 1942. Activated on 14 Feb 1942. Redesignated: 35th Troop Carrier Squadron on 4 Jul 1942; 36th Troop Carrier Squadron, Medium, on 23 Jun 1948; 36th Troop Carrier Squadron, Heavy, on 8 Oct 1949; 36th Troop Carrier Squadron, Medium, on 28 Jan 1950. Inactivated on 18 Jun 1957. Redesignated 36th Troop Carrier Squadron, and activated, on 15 Nov 1965. Organized on 1 Apr 1966. Redesignated 36th Tactical Airlift Squadron on 1 May 1967. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 25 Mar 1968. Activated on 1 Jul 1968. Organized on 5 Jul 1968. Redesignated: 36th Military Airlift Squadron on 1 Oct 1989; 36th Airlift Squadron on 1 Dec 1991.

Assignments

316th Transport (later, 316th Troop Carrier) Group, 14 Feb 1942–18 Jun 1957. Tactical Air Command, 15 Nov 1965; 316th Troop Carrier Wing, 1 Apr 1966–25 Mar 1968 (attached to 513th Tactical Airlift Wing, 21 Mar–29 Jun 1967; 439th Military Airlift Group, 17 Aug–17 Sep 1967). Tactical Air Command, 1 Jul 1968; 316th Tactical Airlift Wing, 5 Jul 1968 (attached to 513th Tactical Airlift Wing, 24 Feb–19 Jun 1969; 322d Tactical Airlift Wing, 24 Nov 1969–7 Feb 1970 and 13 Aug–21 Oct 1970; 513th Tactical Airlift Wing, 2 Jul–16 Sep 1971; United States Air Forces in Europe, 28 Sep–31 Oct 1971; 347th Tactical Airlift Wing, 14 May–c. 7 Sep 1972; 513th Tactical Airlift Wing, 5 Mar–18 May 1973 and 15 Jan–16 Mar 1974; 322d Tactical Airlift Wing, 1 Jul–16 Oct 1974); 62d Military Airlift Wing, 1 Jul 1975; 62d Operations Group, 1 Dec 1991; 374th Operations Group, 1 Oct 1993–.

Stations

Patterson Field, OH, 14 Feb 1942; Bowman Field, KY, 16 Jun 1942; Lawson Field, GA, 9 Aug 1942; Del Valle, TX, 29 Sep–12 Nov 1942; Egypt, 23 Nov 1942; Nouvion, Algeria, 10 May 1943; Guercif, French Morocco, 28 May 1943; Enfidaville, Tunisia, 24 Jun 1943; Mazara, Sicily, 3 Sep 1943; Castelvetro, Sicily, 25 Oct 1943–15 Feb 1944; Cottesmore, England, 24 Feb 1944–May 1945; Pope Field, NC, May 1945; Greenville AAB (later, AFB), SC, 14 Oct 1947; Smyrna (later, Sewart) AFB, TN, 4 Nov 1949–15 Nov 1954; Ashiya AB, Japan, 15 Nov 1954–18 Jun 1957. Langley AFB, Va, 1 Apr 1966–25 Mar 1968 (deployed at RAF Mildenhall, England, 21 Mar–29 Jun 1967; Rhein-Main AB, Germany, 17 Aug–17 Sep 1967). Langley AFB, VA, 5 Jul 1968 (deployed at RAF Mildenhall, England, 24 Feb–19 Jun 1969; Rhein-Main AB, Germany, 24 Nov 1969–7 Feb 1970 and 13 Aug–21 Oct 1970; RAF Mildenhall, England, 2 Jul–16 Sep 1971; Wiesbaden AB, Germany, 28 Sep–31 Oct 1971; Ching Chaun Kang AB, Taiwan, 14 May–c. 7 Sep 1972; RAF Mildenhall, England, 5 Mar–18 May 1973 and 15 Jan–16 Mar 1974; Rhein-Main AB, Germany, 1 Jul–16 Oct 1974); McChord AFB, WA, 1 Jul 1975–1 Oct 1993; Yokota AB, Japan, 1 Oct 1993–.

Aircraft

C–47, 1942–1946; C–82, 1946–1950; C–119, 1950–1957. C–130, 1966–1968. C–130, 1968–1989; C–141, 1989–.

Operations

Included airborne assaults on Sicily, Normandy, Holland, and Germany, and aerial transportation in MTO and ETO during World War II. Participated and supported the ground troops during military operations in Grenada, Oct–Nov 1983, and in Panama, Dec 1989–Jan 1990.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Egypt–Libya; Tunisia; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Rome-Arno; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Central Europe.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Panama, 1989–1990.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, Sicily, 25 Nov 1942–25 Aug 1943; Sicily, 11 Jul 1943; France, [6–7] Jun 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Mar–2 Jul 1967; 3 Jul 1967–25 Mar 1968 and 5 Jul 1968–30 Apr 1969; 1 May 1970–30 Apr 1972; 20–29 Sep 1970; 1 May 1972–30 Apr 1974; 10 Oct 1975–9 Oct 1977; 1 Jul 1981–30 Jun 1983; 1 Jul 1983–30 Jun 1985; 14 Jun–3 Jul 1991. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 1 Oct 1967–30 Aug 1972. Philippine Republic Presidential Unit Citation: 21 Jul–15 Aug 1972.

Emblem

Gules, a bend Or fimbriated Argent debouched by a pale Sable fimbriated White overall issuant from base, a demi-globe White gridlined Black, land masses Vert below an eagle stooping above a pallet suspended from a parachute White; all within a diminished bordure Yellow. Approved on 24 Aug 1995. *MOTTO*: EAGLE AIRLIFTERS. Modification of emblem approved on 13 Jul 1952 (44723 A.C.).



36th Fighter Squadron

Organized as 36th Aero Squadron on 12 Jun 1917. Demobilized on 7 Apr 1919. Reconstituted, and redesignated 36th Pursuit Squadron, on 24 Mar 1923. Activated on 2 Oct 1930. Redesignated: 36th Pursuit Squadron (Fighter) on 6 Dec 1939; 36th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) on 12 Mar 1941; 36th Fighter Squadron on 15 May 1942; 36th Fighter Squadron, Two Engine, on 19 Feb 1944; 36th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 1 Apr 1946; 36th Fighter Squadron, Jet, on 1 Jan 1950; 36th Fighter-Bomber Squadron on 20 Jan 1950; 36th Tactical Fighter Squadron on 1 Jul 1958; 36th Fighter Squadron on 7 Feb 1992.

Assignments

Unkn, 12 Jun–Sep 1917; Third Aviation Instructor Center, Sep 1917; French Aerial Gunnery School, Feb 1918; American Aerial Gunnery School, Nov 1918–Feb 1919; unkn, Feb–7 Apr 1919. 2d Bombardment Wing (attached to 1st Pursuit Group), 2 Oct 1930; 8th Pursuit Group (attached to 1st Pursuit Group), 1 Apr 1931; 18th Pursuit Group (attached to 1st Pursuit Group), 30 Jun 1931; 8th Pursuit (later, 8th Fighter; 8th Fighter-Bomber) Group, 15 Jun 1932 (attached to 8th Fighter-Bomber Wing, 1 Feb–30 Sep 1957); 8th Fighter-Bomber (later, 8th Tactical Fighter) Wing, 1 Oct 1957 (attached to 4th Air Division, 13 May–17 Jun 1964); 41st Air Division, 18 Jun 1964 (attached to 2d Air Division, 9 Aug–5 Oct 1964 and 6 Mar–4 May 1965); 6641st Tactical Fighter Wing, 1 Apr 1965 (attached to 2d Air Division, 26 Aug–28 Oct 1965); 41st Air Division, 15 Nov 1966; 347th Tactical Fighter Wing, 15 Jan 1968; 3d Tactical Fighter Wing, 15 May 1971; 8th Tactical Fighter Wing, 16 Sep 1974; 51st Composite Wing (Tactical) (later, 51st Tactical Fighter Wing) 30 Sep 1974; 51st Fighter (later, 51st Operations) Group, 1 Oct 1990–.

Stations

Camp Kelly, TX, 12 Jun–11 Aug 1917, Etampes, France, 19 Sep 1917; Issoudun, France, 24 Sep 1917; Cazaux, France, 21 Feb 1918; St Jean-de-Monts, France, 5 Nov 1918; St Nazaire, France, 16 Feb–14 Mar 1919; Garden City, NY, 25 Mar–7 Apr 1919. Selfridge Field, MI, 2 Oct 1930; Langley Field, VA, 13 Jun 1932; Mitchel Field, NY, 15 Nov 1940–26 Jan 1942; Brisbane, Australia, 6 Mar 1942; Lowood, Australia, 13 Mar 1943; Townsville, Australia, 4 Apr 1942; Port Moresby, New Guinea, 26 Apr 1942; Townsville, Australia, 30 Jun 1942; Milne Bay, New Guinea, 18 Sep 1942; Mareeba, Australia, 22 Feb 1943; Port Moresby, New Guinea, 22 May 1943; Nadzab, New Guinea, 22 Dec 1943; Finschhafen, New Guinea, 9 Jan 1944; Nadzab, New Guinea, 14 Mar 1944; Owi, Schouten Islands, 17 Jun 1944; Morotai, 19 Sep 1944; Dulag, Leyte, 5 Nov 1944 (operated from Morotai, 5–30 Nov 1944); San Jose, Mindoro, 20 Dec 1944; Ie Shima, 6 Aug 1945; Fukuoka, Japan, 24 Nov 1945; Ashiya AB, Japan, 22 May 1946; Itazuke AB, Japan, 6 Sep 1946; Ashiya AB, Japan, 14 Apr 1947; Itazuke AB, Japan, 25 Mar 1949; Tsuiki AB, Japan, 11 Aug 1950; Suwon AB, South Korea, 5 Oct 1950; Kimpo AB, South Korea, 29 Oct 1950; Pyongyang AB, North Korea, 25 Nov 1950; Seoul AB, South Korea, 3 Dec 1950; Itazuke AB, Japan, 10 Dec 1950; Kimpo AB, South Korea, 25 Jun 1951; Suwon AB, South Korea, c. 26 Aug 1951; Itazuke AB, Japan, 19 Oct 1954; Yokota AB,

Japan, 13 May 1964 (deployed at Korat RTAFB, Thailand, 9 Aug–5 Oct 1964; Takhli RTAFB, Thailand, 6 Mar–4 May 1965 and 26 Aug–28 Oct 1965; Osan AB, South Korea, 1 Oct–24 Nov 1968, 18 Feb–24 Mar 1969, 27 May–1 Jul 1969, 9 Sep–18 Oct 1969, 27 Dec 1969–31 Jan 1970, 10 Apr–9 May 1970, 20 Jun–11 Jul 1970, 4 Sep–2 Oct 1970, 27 Nov–26 Dec 1970); Kunsan AB, South Korea, 15 May 1971; Osan AB, South Korea, 13 Nov 1971–.

Aircraft

In addition to P–6, included O–2 and apparently P–1 during period 1930–1932; in addition to P–12, 1932–1936, included P–6, P–16, and O–27 during period 1932–1935; P–6, 1936–1937; PB–2, 1937–1939; in addition to P–36 and YP–37, included A–17 during period 1939–1940; P–40, 1940–1941; P–39, 1941–1943; P–400, 1942–1943; P–47, 1943–1944; P–38, 1944–1946; P(later F–)51, 1946–1950, 1950; F–80, 1949–1950, 1950–1953; F–86, 1953–1957; F–100, 1957–1963; F–105, 1963–1966; F–4, 1967–1989; F–16, 1988–.

Operations

Constructed facilities and assembled and maintained aircraft, 1917–1919. Combat in Southwest and Western Pacific, 30 Apr 1942–16 Aug 1945. Combat in Korea, 27 Jun 1950–27 Jul 1953. Combat in Southeast Asia, Aug–Oct 1964, Mar–May 1965 and Aug–Oct 1965. Not operational, May 1966–Dec 1967. Air defense of Japan and South Korea, 1968–.

Service Streamers

World War I Theater of Operations.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: East Indies; Air Offensive, Japan; China Defensive; Papua; New Guinea; Bismarck Archipelago; Western Pacific; Leyte; Luzon with Arrowhead; Southern Philippines; China Offensive. Korea: UN Defensive; UN Offensive; CCF Intervention; First UN Counteroffensive; CCF Spring Offensive; UN Summer-Fall Offensive; Second Korean Winter; Korea, Summer-Fall, 1952; Third Korean Winter; Korea, Summer 1953. Vietnam: Vietnam Advisory; Vietnam Defensive.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Papua, [Sep] 1942–23 Jan 1943; New Britain, 26 Dec 1943; Philippine Islands, 26 Dec 1944; Korea, 16 Sep–2 Nov 1950. Presidential Unit Citation: Vietnam, 26 Aug–28 Oct 1965. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 12 May 1963–21 May 1964; 1 Apr–30 Jun 1965; 15 Apr 1969–15 Apr 1971; 1 Jul 1972–31 Dec 1973; 30 Sep 1974–31 Mar 1976; 1 Apr 1983–20 Apr 1984; 1 May 1984–30 Apr 1985; 1 Jul 1985–30 Jun 1987; 1 Jul 1987–30 Jun 1989. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII). Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citations: 27 Jun 1950–31 Jan 1951; 1 Feb 1951–31 Mar 1953; 19–20 Aug 1972. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 1 Apr 1966–14 May 1971.

Emblem

On a Golden Orange disc bordered Blue, the head of a “flying fiend” couped proper Armed and eyed Argent langued and embrued Gules wearing a helmet Azure charged with a pair of goggles White with Black rims. Approved on 13 Jun 1931 (49004 A.C.); reinstated on 5 Aug 1968 (K 2815); replaced emblem approved on 8 Dec 1967 (KE 28257).



37th Airlift Squadron

Constituted 37th Transport Squadron on 2 Feb 1942. Activated on 14 Feb 1942. Redesignated: 37th Troop Carrier Squadron on 4 Jul 1942; 37th Troop Carrier Squadron, Medium, on 23 Jun 1948; 37th Troop Carrier Squadron, Heavy, on 8 Oct 1949; 37th Troop Carrier Squadron, Medium, on 28 Jan 1950. Inactivated on 8 May 1952. Activated on 8 May 1952. Inactivated on 18 Jun 1957. Redesignated 37th Troop Carrier Squadron, and activated on 17 May 1966. Organized on 1 Oct 1966. Redesignated: 37th Tactical Airlift Squadron on 1 May 1967; 37th Airlift Squadron on 1 Apr 1992.

Assignments

316th Transport (later 316th Troop Carrier) Group, 14 Feb 1942–8 May 1952 (attached to 314th Troop Carrier Group, 21 Aug 1950–8 May 1952). 316th Troop Carrier Group, 8 May 1952–18 Jun 1957. Tactical Air Command, 17 May 1966; 316th Troop Carrier (later, 316th Tactical Airlift) Wing, 1 Oct 1966; 317th Tactical Airlift Wing, 15 Sep 1975; 435th Tactical Airlift Wing, 1 Oct 1977; 435th Tactical Airlift Group, 15 Dec 1978; 435th Tactical Airlift Wing, 1 Jun 1980; 435th Operations Group, 1 Apr 1992; 86th Operations Group, 1 Oct 1994–.

Stations

Patterson Field, OH, 14 Feb 1942; Bowman Field, KY, 16 Jun 1942; Lawson Field, GA, 9 Aug 1942; Del Valle, TX, 29 Sep–12 Nov 1942; Deversoir, Egypt, 23 Nov 1942; El Adem, Libya, 10 Dec 1942; Deversoir, Egypt, 23 Dec 1942; Marble Arch, Libya, 11 Jan 1943; Ismailia, Egypt, 25 Jan 1943; Fayid, Egypt, 14 Feb 1943; El Kabrit, Egypt, 28 May 1943; El Aouina, Tunisia, 16 Oct 1943; Borizzo, Sicily, 29 Nov 1943–16 Feb 1944; Cottesmore, England, 18 Feb 1944–10 May 1945; Pope Field, NC, c. 10 Jun 1945; Greenville AAB (later, AFB), SC, 30 Jul 1946; Smyrna (later, Sewart) AFB, TN, 4 Nov 1949–4 Sep 1950; Ashiya AB, Japan, c. 11 Sep 1950; Komaki AB, Japan (operated from Ashiya AB, Japan), 29 Nov 1950; Ashiya AB, Japan, 11 Feb–8 May 1952. Sewart AFB, TN, 8 May 1952–15 Nov 1954; Ashiya AB, Japan, 15 Nov 1954–18 Jun 1957. Langley AFB, VA, 1 Oct 1966–30 Sep 1977 (deployed at RAF Mildenhall, England, 24 Nov 1968–26 Feb 1969; Rhein-Main AB, Germany, 13 Jul–26 Sep 1969; RAF Mildenhall, England, 24 Feb–11 May 1970; Rhein-Main AB, Germany, 7 Feb–13 Apr 1971; RAF Mildenhall, England, 13 Jan–14 Mar 1972; Ching Chaun Kang AB, Taiwan, 6 Dec 1972–15 Mar 1973; RAF Mildenhall, England, 31 Aug–c. 1 Oct 1973; Rhein-Main AB, Germany, 5 Apr–15 Jun 1975); Rhein-Main AB, Germany, 1 Oct 1977; Ramstein AB, Germany, 1 Oct 1994–.

Aircraft

C–47, 1942–1947; C–109, 1944–1945; C–46, 1946–1947; C–82, 1947–1950; C–119, 1950–1952. C–119, 1952–1957. C–130, 1966–.

Operations

During World War II, included airborne assaults on Normandy, Holland, and Germany; aerial transportation in MTO and ETO. In the Korean War, flew

airborne assaults at Sukchon/Sunchon and Munsan-ni; aerial transportation between Japan and Korea. While deployed in Taiwan, crews of the 37th flew to Hanoi on 17 Feb 1973 in support of Operation Homecoming, the repatriation of American prisoners of war to Clark AB, Philippines, on 5 Mar 1973. Airlift operations during Operation Desert Shield/Storm in Southwest Asia, 14 Aug 1990–29 Mar 1991. Airdropped humanitarian supplies in Operation Provide Comfort for the relief of fleeing Kurdish refugees in northern Iraq, Apr–May 1991. Airlift and airdrop missions to Bosnia–Herzegovina for Operation Provide Promise, Jul 1992–.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Egypt–Libya; Tunisia; Naples–Foggia; Rome–Arno; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Central Europe. Korea: UN Offensive, with Arrowhead; CCF Intervention; First UN Counteroffensive with Arrowhead; CCF Spring Offensive; UN Summer–Fall Offensive; Second Korean Winter. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Middle East, 25 Nov 1942–25 Aug 1943; France, [6–7] Jun 1944; Korea, 28 Nov–10 Dec 1950. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 May 1967–30 Apr 1969; 1 May 1970–30 Apr 1972; 1 May 1972–30 Apr 1974; 15 Sep 1975–30 Apr 1977; 1 Jul 1978–30 Jun 1980; 1 Jul 1981–30 Jun 1983; 1 Jul 1983–30 Jun 1985; 1 Jul 1985–30 Jun 1987; 1 Jul 1987–30 Jun 1989; 1 Jul 1989–30 Jun 1991. Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, 1 Jul 1951–[8 May 1952]. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 1 Oct 1967–28 Jan 1973.

Emblem

On a Blue disc, piped Light Blue, an irregular cloud, White, shadowed Blue, thereon a “Blue Tail Fly,” wings Green, body Yellow lined and shadowed Black, tail Blue, antenna and feet Black, eyeballs Light Blue, with Green pupils and highlighted White, flying with speed lines of Red, and resting on the body of a stylistic Aircraft. Approved on 6 Jul 1951 (41371 A.C.).



37th Bomb Squadron

Organized as 37th Aero Squadron on 13 Jun 1917. Demobilized on 15 Apr 1919. Reconstituted, and redesignated 37th Pursuit Squadron, on 24 Mar 1923. Activated on 1 Sep 1933. Redesignated 37th Attack Squadron on 1 Mar 1935. Inactivated on 31 Jan 1938. Redesignated 37th Bombardment Squadron (Medium) on 6 Dec 1939. Activated on 1 Feb 1940. Redesignated 37th Bombardment Squadron, Medium, on 9 Oct 1944. Inactivated on 26 Nov 1945. Redesignated 37th Bombardment Squadron, Light, on 29 Apr 1947. Activated on 19 May 1947. Inactivated on 10 Sep 1948. Redesignated 37th Bombardment Squadron, Light, Night Intruder, on 8 May 1952. Activated on 10 May 1952. Redesignated 37th Bombardment Squadron, Tactical, on 1 Oct 1955. Inactivated on 25 Jun 1958. Redesignated 37th Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, on 16 Jun 1977. Activated on 1 Jul 1977. Inactivated on 1 Oct 1982. Activated on 1 Jan 1987. Redesignated 37th Bomb Squadron on 1 Sep 1991.

Assignments

Unkn, 13 Jun–Sep 1917; Third Aviation Instruction Center, Sep 1917–Jan 1919; unkn, Jan–15 Apr 1919. 18th Pursuit Group (attached to 8th Pursuit Group), 1 Sep 1933; 2d Wing (attached to 8th Pursuit Group), 1 Mar 1935–31 Jan 1938. 28th Composite Group, 1 Feb 1940; 17th Bombardment Group, 23 Apr 1941–26 Nov 1945. 17th Bombardment Group, 19 May 1947–10 Sep 1948. 17th Bombardment Group, 10 May 1952–25 Jun 1958 (attached to the 17th Bombardment Wing, 8 Jun 1957–25 Jun 1958). 28th Bombardment Wing, 1 Jul 1977–1 Oct 1982. 28th Bombardment Wing, 1 Jan 1987; 28th Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991–.

Stations

Camp Kelly, TX, 13 Jun–11 Aug 1917; Etampes, France, 18 Sep 1917; Issoudun, France, 23 Sep 1917; Bordeaux, France, c. 6 Jan–c. 18 Mar 1919; Mitchel Field, NY, c. 5–15 Apr 1919. Langley Field, VA, 1 Sep 1933–31 Jan 1938. Barksdale Field, LA, 1 Feb 1940; Lowry Field, CO, 10 Jul 1940; Pendleton, OR, 29 Jun 1941; Lexington County Aprt, SC, 16 Feb 1942; Barksdale Field, LA, 24 Jun–18 Nov 1942; Telergma, Algeria, 21 Dec 1942; Sedrata, Algeria, c. 13 May 1943; Djedeida, Tunisia, c. 25 Jun 1943; Villacidro, Sardinia, c. 5 Dec 1943; Poretta, Corsica, 21 Sep 1944; Dijon, France, 20 Nov 1944; Linz, Austria, c. 16 Jun 1945; Horsching, Austria, 6 Jul 1945; Clastres, France, c. 3 Oct–c. 17 Nov 1945; Camp Myles Standish, MA, 25–26 Nov 1945. Langley Field (later, AFB), VA, 19 May 1947–10 Sep 1948. Pusan AB, Korea, 10 May 1952; Miho AB, Japan, c. 9 Oct 1954–c. 19 Mar 1955; Eglin AF Aux Field No. 9, FL, 1 Apr 1955; RAF Alconbury, England, 11 May 1958; Eglin AF Aux Field No. 9, FL, 12 May–25 Jun 1958. Ellsworth AFB, SD, 1 Jul 1977–1 Oct 1982. Ellsworth AFB, SD, 1 Jan 1987–.

Aircraft

Evidently included Avro 504–K, Sopwith F–1 Camel, and DH–4, in addition to Nieuport 27, 1918. P–6, 1933–1935; A–8, 1935–1936; A–17, 1936–1938. B–18, 1940–1941; B–25, 1941–1942; B–26, 1942–1945. B–26, 1952–1956; B–66, 1956–1958. B–52, 1977–1982. B–1, 1987–.

Operations

Construction, 1917–1918; flying training, 1918. Antisubmarine patrols, Dec 1941–c. Mar 1942. Contributed aircrews for the Doolittle raid on Tokyo, Japan, 6 Apr 1942. Combat in MTO and ETO, 31 Dec 1942–1 May 1945. Combat in Korea, c. 10 May 1952–Jul 1953.

Service Streamers

World War I Theater of Operations.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater; Tunisia; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Anzio; Rome-Arno; Southern France; North Apennines; Rhineland; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater. Korea: Korea Summer-Fall 1952; Third Korean Winter; Korea, Summer 1953.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Italy, 13 Jan 1944; Schweinfurt, Germany, 10 Apr 1945; Korea, 1 Dec 1952–30 Apr 1953. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1977–30 Jun 1978; 1 Jul 1978–30 Jun 1980; 1 Jul 1988–30 Jun 1990; 1 Sep 1991–1 Jul 1993. French Croix de Guerre with Palm: Apr, May, and Jun 1944. Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation: 24 May 1952–31 Mar 1953.

Emblem

On a White disc outlined in Black a roaring lion crouched affronte proper. Approved on 25 Jul 1934 (8569 A.C.) and reinstated c. Feb 1994; replaced emblem approved on 27 Dec 1956 (156212 A.C.).



37th Flying Training Squadron

Constituted 37th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) on 20 Nov 1940. Activated on 15 Jan 1941. Redesignated: 37th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) (Twin Engine) on 31 Jan 1942; 37th Fighter Squadron (Twin Engine) on 15 May 1942; 37th Fighter Squadron, Two Engine, on 28 Feb 1944. Inactivated on 9 Sep 1945. Redesignated 37th Fighter Squadron, Jet Propelled, and activated, on 20 Nov 1946. Redesignated 37th Fighter Squadron, Jet, on 20 May 1948. Inactivated on 2 Oct 1949. Redesignated 37th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron on 11 Sep 1952. Activated on 1 Nov 1952. Discontinued on 1 May 1960. Redesignated 37th Flying Training Squadron on 22 Mar 1972. Activated on 1 Jun 1972.

Assignments

55th Pursuit (later, 55th Fighter) Group, 15 Jan 1941; 14th Fighter Group, 1 Mar 1943–9 Sep 1945. 14th Fighter Group, 20 Nov 1946–2 Oct 1949. 4711th Defense Wing, 1 Nov 1952; 517th Air Defense Group, 16 Feb 1953; 14th Fighter Group, 18 Aug 1955–1 May 1960. 14th Flying Training Wing, 1 Jun 1972; 14th Operations Group, 15 Dec 1991–.

Stations

Hamilton Field, CA, 15 Jan 1941; Portland, OR, 21 May 1941 (operated from Paine Field, WA, 7–24 Dec 1941); Olympia, WA, 24 Dec 1941; McChord Field, WA, 8–18 Jan 1943; La Senia, Algeria, 27 Feb 1943; Mediouna, French Morocco, c. 17 Mar 1943; Telergma, Algeria, 5 May 1943; El Bathan, Tunisia, 4 Jul 1943; Ste-Marie-du-Zit, Tunisia, 26 Jul 1943; Triolo Airfield, Italy, 12 Dec 1943; (operated from Corsica, 10–21 Aug 1944); Lesina, Italy, Sep–9 Sep 1945. Dow Field (later, AFB), ME, 20 Nov 1946–2 Oct 1949. Ethan Allen AFB, VT, 1 Nov 1952–1 May 1960. Columbus AFB, MS, 1 Jun 1972–.

Aircraft

P–43, 1941–1942; P–38, 1942–1945. P–47, 1946–1949; P–84, 1947–1949. F–51, 1952–1953; F–86, 1953–1958; F–102, 1957–1960. T–37, 1972–.

Operations

Air defense, 7–24 Dec 1941. Combat in ETO and MTO, 6 May 1943–4 May 1945. Air defense, 1946–1949 and 1952–1960. Undergraduate Pilot Training, 1 Jun 1972–.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Tunisia; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Rome-Arno; Normandy; Northern France; Southern France; North Apennines; Rhineland; Central Europe; Po Valley; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: Austria, 2 Apr 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jan–31 Dec 1974; 1 Mar 1978–29 Feb 1980; 1 Apr 1985–31 Mar 1987; 1 Jul 1992–30 Jun 1994.

Emblem

On a Blue disc edged Yellow, issuing from sinister a tiger, grasping in its mouth a cub by the neck in base, both Yellow, garnished White and detailed Black, with Red noses and tongues. Approved 10 Nov 1972 (KE 36469); replaced emblems approved on 9 Sep 1958 (K 10645) and 13 Feb 1942 (K 6704).



38th Reconnaissance Squadron

Constituted 38th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) on 20 Nov 1940. Activated on 15 Jan 1941. Redesignated: 38th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) (Twin Engine), on 31 Jan 1942; 38th Fighter Squadron (Twin Engine), on 15 May 1942; 38th Fighter Squadron, Twin Engine, on 20 Aug 1943; 38th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 5 Sep 1944. Inactivated on 20 Aug 1946. Redesignated 38th Reconnaissance Squadron, Very Long Range, Mapping, on 3 Feb 1947. Activated on 15 Mar 1947. Redesignated 38th Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, Photo-Mapping, on 1 Jul 1949. Inactivated on 14 Oct 1949. Redesignated 38th Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, Medium, Photo, on 27 Oct 1950. Activated on 1 Nov 1950. Redesignated: 38th Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, Medium, on 16 Jun 1952; 38th Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron on 16 Aug 1966. Inactivated on 1 Apr 1970. Activated on 1 Apr 1979. Redesignated 38th Reconnaissance Squadron on 1 Sep 1991.

Assignments

55th Pursuit (later, 55th Fighter) Group, 15 Jan 1941–20 Aug 1946. 5th Reconnaissance Group, 15 Mar 1947; 311th Air Division, 26 May 1949 (attached to 9th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, 26 May–1 Jun 1949); 55th Strategic Reconnaissance Group, 1 Jun–14 Oct 1949. 55th Strategic Reconnaissance Group, 1 Nov 1950 (attached to 91st Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, 1 Nov 1950–6 Jan 1951; 55th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, 6 Jan 1951–15 Jun 1952 and further attached to 3d Air Division, 15 Jan–28 May 1951 and 7th Air Division, 5 Apr 1952–); 55th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, 16 Jun 1952–1 Apr 1970 (remained attached to 7th Air Division to 9 Aug 1952). 55th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, 1 Apr 1979; 55th Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991–.

Stations

Hamilton Field, CA, 15 Jan 1941; Columbia Aprt, Portland, OR, 21 May 1941; McChord Field, WA, 14 Dec 1941; Paine Field, WA, 9 Sep 1942–20 Aug 1943; Nuthampstead, England, 16 Sep 1943; Wormingford, England, 16 Apr 1944; Kaufbeuren, Germany, 20 Jul 1945; Giebelstadt, Germany, 4 Apr–20 Aug 1946. Clark Field (later, AFB), Philippine Islands, 15 Mar 1947–6 May 1949; Fairfield-Suisan AFB, CA, 26 May 1949; Topeka (later, Forbes) AFB, KS, 1 Jun–14 Oct 1949. Barksdale AFB, LA, 1 Nov 1950; Ramey AFB, Puerto Rico, 6 Jan 1951 (deployed at RAF Bassingbourne, England, 15 Jan–28 May 1951; RAF Sculthorpe, England, 5 Apr–15 May 1952; RAF Upper Heyford, England, 15 May–9 Aug 1952); Forbes AFB, KS, 9 Oct 1952 (deployed at Benguerir AB, French Morocco, 30 May–6 Aug 1955); Offutt AFB, NE, 16 Aug 1966–1 Apr 1970. Offutt AFB, NE, 1 Apr 1979–.

Aircraft

P-43, 1941; P-38, 1941–1944; P-47, 1943; P-51, 1944–1946; P-80, 1946; A-26, 1946. B-17, 1947, 1949; FB/RB-17, 1947–1949; RC-45, 1948–1949; C-46, 1948–1949; C-47, 1948–1949; B-29, 1949. RB-50, 1950–1954; RB-47, 1954–1965; ERB-47 (later, EB-47), 1957–1965; EC-135, 1966–1970; KC-135, 1966–c. 1968. RC-135, 1979–.

Operations

Combat in ETO, 15 Oct 1943–21 Apr 1945. Photo-mapping of Borneo, Philippines, and Formosa, Apr 1947–Mar 1949. Worldwide strategic reconnaissance including in support of crises in Cuba, Oct 1962; Grenada,

Oct 1983; Libya, Apr 1986; Panama, Dec 1989; and Southwest Asia, Jan–Feb 1991.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: ETO, 3–13 Sep 1944; Germany, 19 Feb 1945. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: Jul 1956–Nov 1957; 1 Jul 1963–30 Jun 1964; 1 Jul 1966–30 Jun 1967; 1 Apr 1979–30 Jun 1980; 1 Jul 1987–30 Jun 1989; 1 Jul 1989–30 Jun 1991.

Emblem

On an Azure disc a Red winged tomahawk outlined in Yellow, the head fastened to the handle by Black thongs. Approved on 3 Mar 1942 (42880 A.C.) and reinstated in 1994; replaced emblem approved on 24 May 1957.



39th Airlift Squadron

Constituted 39th Transport Squadron on 2 Feb 1942. Activated on 22 Feb 1942. Redesignated: 39th Troop Carrier Squadron on 4 Jul 1942; 39th Troop Carrier Squadron, Heavy, on 21 May 1948. Inactivated on 14 Sep 1949. Redesignated 39th Troop Carrier Squadron, Medium, on 3 Jul 1952. Activated on 14 Jul 1952. Redesignated: 39th Troop Carrier Squadron on 1 Mar 1966; 39th Tactical Airlift Squadron on 1 May 1967. Inactivated on 31 Jul 1971. Activated on 31 Aug 1971. Redesignated 39th Airlift Squadron on 1 Jun 1992. Inactivated on 1 Jun 1992. Activated on 1 Oct 1993.

Assignments

317th Transport (later, 317th Troop Carrier) Group, 22 Feb 1942–14 Sep 1949. 317th Troop Carrier Group, 14 Jul 1952; 465th Troop Carrier Wing, 12 Mar 1957; 317th Troop Carrier Wing, 8 Jul 1957; 322d Air Division, 25 Sep 1958; 317th Troop Carrier (later, 317th Tactical Airlift) Wing, 15 Apr 1963–31 Jul 1971 (attached to Detachment 1, 322d Air Division, Feb–May 1965; 513th Tactical Airlift Wing, 13 May–18 Jul 1968; 7310th Tactical Airlift Wing, 15 Apr–22 Jul 1969). 317th Tactical Airlift Wing, 31 Aug 1971 (attached to 322d Tactical Airlift Wing, 12 Dec 1973–17 Feb 1974; 513th Tactical Airlift Wing, 9 Jul–15 Sep 1974 and 12 Jul–14 Sep 1975; 435th Tactical Airlift Wing, 12 Apr–14 Jun 1976 and 1 Oct–15 Dec 1977; 435th Tactical Airlift Group, 4 Jan–4 Mar 1977); 317th Tactical Airlift Group, 1 Oct 1978 (attached to 313th Tactical Airlift Group, 5 Jun–14 Aug 1979); 317th Tactical Airlift Wing, 1 Apr 1980 (attached to 313th Tactical Airlift Group, 8 Oct–13 Dec 1980, 3 Feb–14 Apr 1982, 4 Jun–13 Aug 1983, 1 Oct–12 Dec 1984, 2 Feb–15 Apr 1986, 3 Mar–15 May 1987, 3 Jun–10 Aug 1988, May–11 Jul 1991); 317th Operations Group, 1 Jan–1 Jun 1992 (attached to 313th Tactical Airlift Group, 3 Apr–31 May 1992). 7th Operations Group, 1 Oct 1993–.

Stations

Duncan Field, TX, 22 Feb 1942; Bowman Field, KY, 9 Oct 1942; Lawson Field, GA, Oct 1942; Maxton, NC, 2–12 Dec 1942; Garbutt, Australia, 22 Jan 1942; Archerfield, Australia, 22 Feb 1942; Port Moresby, New Guinea, 28 Sep 1943; Finschhafen, New Guinea, 23 Apr 1944; Hollandia, New Guinea, Jul 1944; Leyte, 19 Nov 1944; Clark Field, Luzon, 28 Mar 1945; Okinawa, Japan, 19 Aug 1945; Fukuoka, Japan, 11 Nov 1945; Tachikawa AB, Japan, 15 Jan 1946; Yamoto, Japan, 17 Jul 1946; Carelus AAFld, Japan, 6 Sep 1946; Tachikawa AB, Japan, 16 Oct 1946–21 Sep 1948; Wiesbaden, Germany, 30 Sep 1948; Celle RAF Station, Germany, 23 Dec 1948–14 Sep 1949. Rhein-Main AB, Germany, 14 Jul 1952; Neubiberg AB, Germany, 23 Mar 1953; Evreux-Fauville AB, France, 24 Jun 1956–20 Jun 1964; Lockbourne AFB, OH, 20 Jun 1964–31 Jul 1971 (deployed at Evreux-Fauville AB, France, Feb–May 1965; RAF Mildenhall, England, 13 May–18 Jul 1968; Rhein-Main AB, Germany, 15 Apr–22 Jul 1969). Pope AFB, NC, 31 Aug 1971–1 Jun 1992 (deployed at Rhein-Main AB, Germany, 12 Dec 1973–17 Feb 1974, 12 Apr–14 Jun 1976, 1 Oct–15 Dec 1977; and RAF Mildenhall, England, 12 Jul–14 Sep 1975, 4 Jan–Mar 1977, 5 Jun–14 Aug 1979, 8 Oct–Dec 1980, 3 Feb–14 Apr 1982, 4 Jun–13 Aug 1983,

1 Oct–12 Dec 1984, 2 Feb–15 Apr 1986, 3 Mar–15 May 1987, 3 Jun–10 Aug 1988, May–11 Jul 1991, 3 Apr–31 May 1992). Dyess AFB, TX, 1 Oct 1993–.

Aircraft

Principally C–47, 1942–1946; C–46, 1946–1948; C–54, 1946–1949. C–119, 1952–1958; C–130, 1958–1971. C–130, 1971–1992.

Operations

Paratroop drops on Noemfoor, Tagaytay (Luzon), as well as aerial transportation in South, Southwest, and Western Pacific in World War II. Berlin Airlift, 1948. Airlift missions to Grenada, in Oct 1983; to Panama, Dec 1989–17 Jan 1990; and to Southwest Asia, Aug 1990–Mar 1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Japan; Papua; New Guinea; Northern Solomons; Bismarck Archipelago; Western Pacific; Leyte; Luzon; Southern Philippines. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Panama, 1989–1990.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Papua, [Jan 1943]; New Guinea, 30 Jan–1 Feb 1943; Philippine Islands, 16–17 Feb 1945. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 8 Jul–10 Aug 1960; 1 Sep 1962–15 Apr 1963; 1 Apr 1964–30 Jun 1965; 1 May 1972–30 Apr 1973; 1 May 1973–30 Apr 1975; 1 May 1975–30 Apr 1977; 1 Jun 1979–31 May 1981; 1 Jun 1982–31 May 1984; 1 Mar 1987–31 Mar 1988; 6 Oct 1989–13 Jan 1990. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII). Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm, 10 Mar–28 Nov 1972.

Emblem

A disc, upper segment Ultramarine Blue, lower segment Jasmine Yellow, separated by a White cloud formation, on which is placed a winged Lemon Yellow covered wagon Jasmine Yellow. Approved on 27 Oct 1942 (28656 A.C.). *MOTTO*: TRAILBLAZERS. Approved in 1994.



39th Flight Test Squadron

Constituted 39th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) on 22 Dec 1939. Activated on 1 Feb 1940. Redesignated: 39th Fighter Squadron on 15 May 1942; 39th Fighter Squadron (Twin Engine) on 27 Oct 1942; 39th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 19 Feb 1944; 39th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron on 20 Jan 1950. Inactivated on 8 Dec 1957. Redesignated 39th Tactical Reconnaissance Training Squadron on 18 Aug 1969. Activated on 15 Oct 1969. Redesignated 39th Tactical Electronics Warfare Training Squadron on 15 Feb 1970. Inactivated on 15 Mar 1974. Redesignated 39th Tactical Fighter Training Squadron on 1 Jun 1977. Activated on 1 Jul 1977. Redesignated 39th Tactical Fighter Squadron on 9 Oct 1980. Inactivated on 11 May 1984. Redesignated 39th Flying Training Squadron on 9 Feb 1990. Activated on 2 Apr 1990. Inactivated on 15 Dec 1991. Redesignated 39th Test Squadron on 31 Aug 1993. Activated on 8 Sep 1993. Redesignated 39th Flight Test Squadron on 15 Mar 1994.

Assignments

31st Pursuit Group, 1 Feb 1940; 35th Pursuit (later, 35th Fighter; 35th Fighter-Interceptor) Group, 15 Jan 1942 (attached to the 18th Fighter-Bomber Wing, 7 May 1951–1 Jun 1952; 51st Fighter-Interceptor Group, 1 Jun 1952–14 Jul 1954); 41st Air Division, 1 Oct–8 Dec 1957. 363d Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, 15 Oct 1969–15 Mar 1974. 35th Tactical Fighter Wing, 1 Jul 1977–11 May 1984. 47th Flying Training Wing, 2 Apr 1990–15 Dec 1991. 46th Operations Group, 8 Sep 1993–.

Stations

Selfridge Field, MI, 1 Feb 1940; Baer Field, IN, 6 Dec 1941; Bellingham, WA, 10 Dec 1941–23 Jan 1942; Brisbane, Australia, 25 Feb 1942; Ballarat, Australia, 8 Mar 1942; Mount Gambier, Australia, 16 Mar 1942; Williamstown, Australia, 3 Apr 1942; Woodstock, Australia, 20 Apr 1942; Port Moresby, New Guinea, 2 Jun 1942; Townsville, Australia, 26 Jul 1942; Port Moresby, New Guinea, 18 Oct 1942; Nadzab, New Guinea, 15 Dec 1943; Gusap, New Guinea, 27 Jan 1944; Nadzab, New Guinea, 9 Jun 1944; Noemfoor, 7 Aug 1944; Owi, Schouten Islands, 12 Sep 1944; Morotai, 23 Oct 1944; Mangaldan, Luzon, 22 Jan 1945; Lingayen, Luzon, c. 10 Apr 1945; Clark Field, Luzon, 21 Apr 1945; Okinawa, 30 Jun 1945; Irumagawa, Japan, 10 Oct 1945; Yokota AB, Japan, c. 1 Apr 1950; Ashiya AB, Japan, 8 Jul 1950; Pohang, South Korea, 7 Aug 1950; Tsuiki, Japan, 14 Aug 1950; Pohang, South Korea, 3 Oct 1950; Yonpo, South Korea, 19 Nov 1950; Pusan AB, South Korea, 7 Dec 1950; Chinae, South Korea, 12 May 1951; Suwon, South Korea, 1 Jun 1952; Johnson AB, Japan, 20 Jul 1954 (detachments stationed at Komati, Japan, 20 Jul–4 Aug 1954, and at Misawa AB, Japan, 20 Jul–27 Aug 1954); Yokota AB, Japan, 31 Jul 1954; Komaki AB, Japan, 25 Aug 1955–8 Dec 1957. Shaw AFB, SC, 15 Oct 1969–15 Mar 1974. George AFB, CA, 1 Jul 1977–11 May 1984. Laughlin AFB, TX, 2 Apr 1990–15 Dec 1991. Eglin AFB, FL, 8 Sep 1993–.

Aircraft

P–35, and probably P–36, 1940–1941; P–39, 1941–1942; P–38, 1942–1943; P–47, 1943–1945; P(later F)–51, 1945–1950, 1950–1952; F–80, 1950; F–86, 1952–1954, 1954–1957; F–94, 1954. RB–66, 1969–1970; WB–66, 1969–1970; EB–66, 1970–1974. F–4, 1977–1980, 1982–1984; F–105, 1977. T–37, 1990–1991; T–38, 1990–1991.

Operations

Patrols off the coast of Washington, c. 15 Dec 1941–c. 15 Jan 1942; combat in the Southwest and Western Pacific, 2 Jun 1942–14 Aug 1945. Combat in Korea, 9 Jul 1950–27 Jul 1953. Trained tactical reconnaissance and electronic warfare crews, 1969–1974; and F–4 Wild Weasel aircrews, 1977–1984. Undergraduate pilot training, 1990–1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater; East Indies; Air Offensive, Japan; Papua; New Guinea; Bismarck Archipelago; Western Pacific; Leyte; Luzon; Ryukyus; China Offensive. Korea: UN Defensive; UN Offensive; CCF Intervention; First UN Counteroffensive; CCF Spring Offensive; UN Summer-Fall Offensive; Second Korean Winter; Korea Summer-Fall, 1952; Third Korean Winter; Korea, Summer 1953.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Papua, 23 Jul 1942–23 Jan 1943; Bismarck Sea, 2–4 Mar 1943; Korea, [7 May]–8 Jul 1951; Korea, [1 Jun 1952]–30 Apr 1953. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Nov 1970–29 May 1971; 30 May 1971–28 May 1973; 1 Jul 1977–31 May 1979; 16 Mar 1989–15 Mar 1991. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII). Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citations: 7 Sep 1950–7 Feb 1951; 1 Jul 1951–31 Mar 1953.

Emblem

Celeste, a demi-cobra issuant from base erect Argent, langued Gules, eyed and detailed Sable shaded Crimson, dripping from the fangs four gouttys of the last surmounted in base by a cloud issuant from sinister White above a cloud issuant from dexter of the like; all within a diminished bordure Black. Approved on 16 Apr 1941 (K 8093).



40th Airlift Squadron

Constituted 40th Transport Squadron on 2 Feb 1942. Activated on 18 Feb 1942. Redesignated: 40th Troop Carrier Squadron on 4 Jul 1942; 40th Troop Carrier Squadron, Heavy, on 21 May 1948. Inactivated on 14 Sep 1949. Redesignated 40th Troop Carrier Squadron, Medium, on 3 Jul 1952. Activated on 14 Jul 1952. Redesignated: 40th Troop Carrier Squadron on 1 Mar 1966; 40th Tactical Airlift Squadron on 1 May 1967; 40th Airlift Squadron on 1 Jan 1992. Inactivated on 16 Jul 1993. Activated on 1 Oct 1993.

Assignments

San Antonio Air Depot, 18 Feb 1942; 317th Transport (later, 317th Troop Carrier) Group, 22 Feb 1942–14 Sep 1949. 317th Troop Carrier Group, 14 Jul 1952; 317th Troop Carrier Wing, 12 Mar 1957; 322d Air Division, 25 Sep 1958; 317th Troop Carrier (later, 317th Tactical Airlift) Wing, 15 Apr 1963 (attached to Detachment 1, 322d Air Division, 24 Nov 1964–19 Feb 1965; 513th Tactical Airlift Wing, 16 Mar–26 May 1968 and 4 Mar–7 May 1975; 322d Tactical Airlift Wing, 31 Aug–17 Oct 1971 and 7 Apr–16 Jun 1973; 435th Tactical Airlift Group, 12 Jan–15 Mar 1976 and 26 Apr–15 Jul 1977; 435th Tactical Airlift Wing, 4 Oct–15 Dec 1976); 317th Tactical Airlift Group, 1 Oct 1978 (attached to 313th Tactical Airlift Group, 29 Nov 1978–16 Feb 1979); 317th Tactical Airlift Wing, 1 Apr 1980 (attached to 313th Tactical Airlift Group, 7 Jun–8 Aug 1980, 3 Oct–16 Dec 1981, 3 Feb–14 Apr 1983, 7 Apr–17 Jun 1984, 4 Aug–16 Oct 1985, 3 Oct–16 Dec 1986, 20 Nov 1987–10 Feb 1988, 4 Feb–12 Apr 1989, 31 Mar–9 Apr 1990, 8 Jul–13 Aug 1991); 317th Operations Group, 1 Jan 1992–16 Jul 1993 (attached to 313th Tactical Airlift Group, 28 Jul–Oct 1992). 7th Operations Group, 1 Oct 1993–.

Stations

Duncan Field, TX, 18 Feb 1942; Bowman Field, KY, 19 Jun 1942; Lawson Field, GA, 10 Oct 1942; Maxton, NC, 2–10 Dec 1942; Garbutt Field, Australia, 23 Jan 1943; Port Moresby, New Guinea, 4 Oct 1943; Finschhafen, New Guinea, 21 Apr 1944; Hollandia, New Guinea, 22 Jun 1944; Leyte, 19 Nov 1944; Clark Field, Luzon, 5 Mar 1945; Okinawa, c. 16 Aug 1945; Osaka, Japan, 21 Oct 1945; Tachikawa AB, Japan, 19 Jan 1946; Matsushima, Japan, 17 Oct 1946; Tachikawa AB, Japan, 1 Aug–16 Nov 1948; Wiesbaden, Germany, 16 Nov 1948; Celle RAF Station, Germany, 15 Dec 1948–14 Sep 1949. Rhein-Main AB, Germany, 14 Jul 1952; Neubiberg AB, Germany, 15 May 1953; Evreux-Fauville AB, France, 6 Dec 1957–20 Jun 1964; Lockbourne AFB, OH, 20 Jun 1964 (deployed at Evreux-Fauville AB, France, 24 Nov 1964–19 Feb 1965 and RAF Mildenhall, England, 16 Mar–26 May 1968); Pope AFB, NC, 31 Aug 1971–16 Jul 1993 (deployed at Rhein-Main AB, Germany, 31 Aug–17 Oct 1971, 7 Apr–16 Jun 1973, 4 Oct–15 Dec 1976 and RAF Mildenhall, England, 4 Mar–16 May 1975, 12 Jan–15 Mar 1976, 26 Apr–15 Jul 1977, 29 Nov 1978–16 Feb 1979, 7 Jun–6 Aug 1980, 3 Oct–12 Dec 1981, 3 Feb–14 Apr 1983, 7 Apr–17 Jun 1984, 4 Aug–16 Oct 1985, 3 Oct–16 Dec 1986, 20 Nov 1987–10 Feb 1988, 4 Feb–12 Apr 1989, 31 Mar–9 Apr 1990, 8 Jul–13 Aug 1991, 28 Jul–Oct 1992). Dyess AFB, TX, 1 Oct 1993–.

Aircraft

Principally C–47, 1942–1946; C–46, 1946–1948; C–54, 1946–1949. C–119, 1952–1957; C–130, 1957–1993.

Operations

Paratroop drops on Nadzab (New Guinea), Noemfoor, Tagaytay (Luzon), Corregidor, and Aparri (Luzon), as well as aerial transportation in South, Southwest, and the Western Pacific in World War II. Berlin Airlift, 1948. Trained airlift crew members for duty in Southeast Asia in the late 1960s. Airlift support for operations in Panama, 18 Dec 1989–17 Jan 1990; and Southwest Asia, 10 Aug 1990–Mar 1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Japan; Papua; New Guinea; Northern Solomons; Bismarck Archipelago; Western Pacific; Leyte; Luzon; Southern Philippines. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Panama, 1989–1990.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Papua, [Jan 1943]; New Guinea, 30 Jan–1 Feb 1943; Philippine Islands, 16–17 Feb 1945. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 29 Oct–16 Dec 1956; 8 Jul–10 Aug 1960; 1 Sep 1962–15 Apr 1963; 1 Apr 1964–30 Jun 1965; 1 May 1972–30 Apr 1973; 1 May 1973–30 Apr 1975; 1 May 1975–30 Apr 1977; 1 Jun 1979–31 May 1981; 1 Jun 1982–31 May 1984; 1 Mar 1987–31 Mar 1988; 6 Oct 1989–13 Jan 1990. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII). Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 10 May–8 Aug 1972.

Emblem

On a Blue disc, a caricatured figure in flight uniform, sighting a gun and riding on the back of a stylized diving bird Gold, all in front of a White cloud formation extending across the disc bend sinisterwise. Approved on 27 Oct 1942 (28656 A.C.).



40th Flight Test Squadron

Constituted 40th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) on 22 Dec 1939. Activated on 1 Feb 1940. Redesignated: 40th Fighter Squadron on 15 May 1942; 40th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 20 Aug 1943; 40th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron on 20 Jan 1950; 40th Tactical Fighter Squadron on 20 Jun 1965. Inactivated on 15 Oct 1970. Activated on 1 Oct 1971. Inactivated on 30 Apr 1982. Consolidated (1 Oct 1992) with the 3247th Test Squadron, which was designated, and activated, on 25 Jun 1982. Redesignated: 40th Test Squadron on 1 Oct 1992; 40th Flight Test Squadron on 15 Mar 1994.

Assignments

31st Pursuit Group, 1 Feb 1940; 35th Pursuit (later, 35th Fighter; 35th Fighter-Interceptor) Group, 15 Jan 1942 (attached to 35th Fighter-Interceptor Wing, 15 Jan–14 Jul 1954 and 8 Oct 1956–1 Jul 1957); 41st Air Division, 1 Oct 1957 (attached to 3d Bombardment Wing, 1 Dec 1961–31 May 1962); Tactical Air Command, c. 17 Jun 1965; 33d Tactical Fighter Wing, 20 Jun 1965–15 Oct 1970. 355th Tactical Fighter Wing, 1 Oct 1971; 35th Tactical Fighter Wing, 1 Jun 1972–30 Apr 1982. 3246th Test Wing, 25 Jun 1982; 46th Test Wing, 1 Oct 1992; 46th Operations Group, 8 Sep 1993–.

Stations

Selfridge Field, MI, 1 Feb 1940; Baer Field, IN, 6 Dec 1941; Port Angeles, WA, 16 Dec 1941–c. 22 Jan 1942; Brisbane, Australia, 25 Feb 1942; Ballarat, Australia, 9 Mar 1942; Mount Gambier, Australia, 16 Mar 1942; Townsville, Australia, Apr 1942; Port Moresby, New Guinea, 2 Jun 1942; Townsville, Australia, 30 Jul 1942; Port Moresby, New Guinea, c. 25 Nov 1942; Tsili Tsili, New Guinea, 11 Aug 1943; Nadzab, New Guinea, Oct 1943; Gusap, New Guinea, 5 Feb 1944; Nadzab, New Guinea, 9 Jun 1944; Noemfoor, 4 Aug 1944; Owi, Schouten Islands, 14 Sep 1944; Morotai, 17 Oct 1944; Mangaldan, Luzon, 21 Jan 1945; Lingayen, Luzon, 11 Apr 1945; Clark Field, Luzon, 19 Apr 1945; Okinawa, 30 Jun 1945; Irumagawa, Japan, 10 Oct 1945; Yokota AB, Japan, 13 Mar 1950; Ashiya AB, Japan, 7 Jul 1950; Pohang, South Korea, 17 Jul 1950; Tsuiki, Japan, 13 Aug 1950; Pohang, South Korea, 7 Oct 1950; Yonpo, South Korea, 18 Nov 1950; Pusan AB, South Korea, 3 Dec 1950; Misawa AB, Japan, 25 May 1951; Johnson AB, Japan, 1 Jul 1951 (detachment stationed at Komaki AB, Japan, 13 Jul 1953–17 Feb 1955); Yokota AB, Japan, 13 Aug 1954–c. 15 Jun 1965; Eglin AFB, FL, 20 Jun 1965–15 Oct 1970. Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ, 1 Oct 1971; George AFB, CA, 1 Jun 1972–30 Apr 1982. Eglin AFB, FL, 25 Jun 1982–.

Aircraft

P–39, 1941–1944; P–47, 1944–1945; P(later F)–51, 1945–1950, 1950–1953; F–80, 1950, 1953–1954; F–86, 1953–1961; F–102, 1960–1965; F–4, 1965–1969. A–7, 1971–1972. Conducted test and evaluation missions, using the following aircraft, A–10, F–4, F–15, F–16, F–111, T–38, T–39, C–130, and UH–1, 1982–.

Operations

Combat in Southwest and Western Pacific, 2 Jun 1942–14 Aug 1945. Served in the occupation force in Japan, 1945–1950. Combat in Korea, 8 Jul 1950–

25 May 1951. Air defense in Japan and Korea, Jun 1951–Jun 1965. Trained cadres for transfer to Southeast Asia, 1966–1969. Not manned, 10 May 1969–15 Oct 1970 and 1 Jun 1972–30 Apr 1982.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: East Indies; Air Offensive, Japan; China Defensive; Papua; New Guinea; Bismarck Archipelago; Western Pacific; Letye; Luzon; Ryukyus; China Offensive. Korea: UN Defensive; UN Offensive; CCF Intervention; First UN Counteroffensive; CCF Spring Offensive.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Papua, 23 Jul 1942–23 Jan 1943; New Guinea, 6 Feb 1943; Borneo, 10 and 14 Oct 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: [1 Dec 1961]–31 Mar 1962; 1 Jan 1967–30 Jun 1968; 1 Jul 1968–[10 May 1969]; 1 Oct 1971–31 May 1972; 25 Jun 1982–31 Dec 1983; 1 Jan 1984–31 Dec 1984; 1 Jan 1991–31 Dec 1992. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII). Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation: 7 Sep 1950–7 Feb 1951.

Emblem

On a Blue disc within a narrow Yellow border a shield quartered Red and White with a narrow Yellow border charged with an eagle in flight bend sinisterwise, body Brown detailed Black, head White, beak and talons Yellow detailed Gold Brown grasping a warhead quartered White and Black. Approved on 27 Jul 1983; replaced emblems approved on 9 Jul 1959 (K 11281) and 19 Jun 1941 (48836 A.C.).



41st Airlift Squadron

Constituted 41st Transport Squadron on 2 Feb 1942. Activated on 18 Feb 1942. Redesignated: 41st Troop Carrier Squadron on 4 Jul 1942; 41st Troop Carrier Squadron, Heavy, on 30 Jun 1948. Inactivated on 14 Sep 1949. Redesignated 41st Troop Carrier Squadron, Medium, on 3 Jul 1952. Activated on 14 Jul 1952. Redesignated: 41st Troop Carrier Squadron on 8 Dec 1965; 41st Tactical Airlift Squadron on 1 Apr 1967. Inactivated on 28 Feb 1971. Activated on 31 Aug 1971. Redesignated 41st Airlift Squadron on 1 Jan 1992.

Assignments

San Antonio Air Depot, 18 Feb 1942; 317th Transport (later, 317th Troop Carrier) Group, 22 Feb 1942–14 Sep 1949. 317th Troop Carrier Group, 14 Jul 1952; 317th Troop Carrier Wing, 12 Mar 1957; 322d Air Division, 25 Sep 1958; 317th Troop Carrier Wing, 15 Apr 1963 (attached to Detachment 1, 322d Air Division, 6 Sep–21 Dec 1964); 315th Air Division, 21 Nov 1965; 374th Tactical Airlift Wing, 8 Aug 1966–28 Feb 1971. 317th Tactical Airlift Wing, 31 Aug 1971 (attached to: 513th Tactical Airlift Wing, 6 Nov 1971–12 Jan 1972, 11 Mar–16 May 1974, 11 Nov 1974–15 Jan 1975; 322d Tactical Airlift Wing, 4 Jun–16 Aug 1972, 5 Feb–14 Apr 1973, 9 Aug–15 Oct 1973; 435th Tactical Airlift Wing, 4 Oct–15 Dec 1975; 435th Tactical Airlift Group, 13 Jul–10 Sep 1976, 5 Mar–25 Apr 1977, 2 May–22 Jul 1978); 317th Tactical Airlift Group, 1 Oct 1978 (attached to 313th Tactical Airlift Group, 5 Dec 1979–12 Feb 1980); 317th Tactical Airlift Wing, 1 Apr 1980; (attached to 313th Tactical Airlift Group, 3 Apr–14 Jun 1981, 3 Aug–14 Oct 1982, 4 Dec 1983–15 Feb 1984, 10 Feb–10 Apr 1985, 25 May–13 Aug 1986, 1 Aug–14 Oct 1987, 3 Dec 1989–15 Feb 1992; Airlift Division Provisional, 1610, 1 Nov–16 Dec 1990; Tactical Airlift Wing Provisional, 1660, 17 Dec 1990–14 Jan 1991; Tactical Airlift Group Provisional, 1675, 15 Jan–21 Mar 1991); 317th Operations Group, 1 Jan 1992; 23d Operations Group, 16 Jul 1993–.

Stations

Duncan Field, TX, 18 Feb 1942; Bowman Field, KY, 20 Jun 1942; Maxton, NC, 3–12 Dec 1942; Garbutt Field, Australia, 23 Jan 1943; Port Moresby, New Guinea, 5 Oct 1953; Finschhafen, New Guinea, 24 Apr 1944; Hollandia, New Guinea, 13 May 1944; Leyte, 17 Nov 1944; Clark Field, Luzon, 6 Mar 1945; Okinawa, Aug 1945; Kimpo, South Korea, Oct 1945; Seoul, South Korea, 7 Jan 1946; Tachikawa AB, Japan, 19 Jan 1946; Nagoya, Japan, 30 Apr 1947; Tachikawa AB, Japan, Sep 1947–22 Sep 1948; Wiesbaden, Germany, 30 Sep 1948, Celle RAF Station, Germany, 19 Dec 1948–14 Sep 1949. Rhein-Main AB, Germany, 14 Jul 1952; Neubiberg AB, Germany, 21 Mar 1953; Evreux-Fauville AB, France, 15 Mar 1957–20 Jun 1964; Lockbourne AFB, OH, 20 Jun 1964–21 Nov 1965 (deployed at Evreux-Fauville AB, France, 6 Sep–21 Dec 1964); Naha AB, Ryukyu Islands, 21 Nov 1965–28 Feb 1971. Pope AFB, NC, 31 Aug 1971– (deployed at RAF Mildenhall, England, 6 Nov 1971–12 Jan 1972, 11 Mar–16 May 1974, 11 Nov 1974–15 Jan 1975, 13 Jul–10 Sep 1976, 5 Mar–25 Apr 1977, 2 May–22 Jul 1978, 5 Dec 1979–12 Feb 1980, 3 Apr–14 Jun

1981, 3 Aug–14 Oct 1982, 4 Dec 1983–15 Feb 1984, 10 Feb–10 Apr 1985, 25 May–13 Aug 1986, 1 Aug–14 Oct 1987, 3 Dec 1989–15 Feb 1990, 2 Dec 1991–15 Feb 1992; Rhein-Main AB, Germany, 4 Jun–16 Aug 1972, 5 Feb–14 Apr 1973, 9 Aug–15 Oct 1973; 4 Oct–15 Dec 1975; RAF Sculthrope, England, 2 Oct–15 Dec 1988; Thumrait AFld, Oman, 11 Aug 1990–12 Jan 1991; King Fahd, Saudi Arabia, 13 Jan–21 Mar 1991).

Aircraft

C–47, 1942–1946; C–46, 1946–1948; C–54, 1948–1949. C–119, 1952–1958; C–130, 1957–1971. C–130, 1971–.

Operations

Included paratroop drops on Nadzab (New Guinea), Noemfoor, Tagaytay (Luzon), Corregidor, and Aparri (Luzon), as well as aerial transportation in South, Southwest, and Western Pacific, during World War II. Berlin Airlift, 1948. Transported UN troops to the Congo, 1960. Airlifted personnel and equipment to Southeast Asia from Ryukyu Islands, 1965–1971. Supported airlift operations in Korea during Pueblo crisis, Jan 1968. Supported Army training and performed rotational duty throughout Europe, since 1971. Airlifted personnel, special forces and supplies during operations in Grenada, 1983 and Panama, Dec 1989–Jan 1990. Airlift in Southwest Asia, 11 Aug 1990–21 Mar 1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Japan; Papua; New Guinea; Northern Solomons, Bismarck Archipelago: Western Pacific; Leyte; Luzon; Southern Philippines. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Panama, 1989–1990.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Papua, [Jan 1943]; New Guinea, 30 Jan–1 Feb 1943; Philippine Islands, 16–17 Feb 1945. Presidential Unit Citations: Southeast Asia, 8 Aug 1967–7 Aug 1968. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 8 Jul–10 Aug 1960; 1 Sep 1962–15 Apr 1963; 1 Apr 1964–30 Jun 1965; 30 Nov 1965–30 Apr 1966; 8 Aug 1966–7 Aug 1967; 1 May 1972–

30 Apr 1973; 1 May 1973–30 Apr 1975; 1 May 1975–30 Apr 1977; 1 Jun 1979–31 May 1981; 1 Jun 1982–31 May 1984; 1 Mar 1987–31 Mar 1988; 6 Oct 1989–13 Jan 1990. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII). Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 1 Apr 1966–28 Feb 1971.

Emblem

On a Light Green disc, bordure Red piped White, a caricatured Black cat carrying its young across a White cloud formation in base. Approved on 13 Jan 1943 (28656 A.C.).



41st Electronic Combat Squadron

Organized as Company A, 4th Balloon Squadron on 13 Nov 1917. Redesignated: 9th Balloon Company on 25 Jul 1918; 9th Airship Company on 30 Aug 1921; 9th Airship Squadron on 26 Oct 1933; 1st Observation Squadron on 1 Jun 1937; 1st Observation Squadron (Medium) on 13 Jan 1942; 1st Observation Squadron on 4 Jul 1942; 1st Reconnaissance Squadron (Special) on 25 Jun 1943; 41st Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron on 25 Nov 1944; 41st Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron on 24 Jan 1946. Inactivated on 17 Jun 1946. Redesignated 41st Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, Night-Photographic, on 14 Jan 1954. Activated on 18 Mar 1954. Inactivated on 18 May 1959. Redesignated 41st Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, Photo-Jet, and activated, on 30 Jun 1965. Organized on 1 Oct 1965. Redesignated: 41st Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron on 8 Oct 1966; 41st Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron on 15 Mar 1967. Inactivated on 31 Oct 1969. Redesignated 41st Electronic Combat Squadron on 17 Jun 1980. Activated on 1 Jul 1980.

Assignments

Unkn, 13 Nov 1917–5 Aug 1918; Balloon Wing, IV Army Corps, 5 Aug 1918; Balloon Wing, III Army Corps, 21 Sep 1918; Balloon Group, III Army Corps, 8 Oct 1918; 2d Balloon Group, First Army, c. 20 Nov–Dec 1918; unkn, Dec 1918–May 1919; Army Balloon School, Ft Omaha, NE, May 1919; Sixth Corps Area, Oct 1921; 1st (later, 21st) Airship Group, 19 Jul 1922; Sixth Corps Area, 1 Jun 1937; Seventh Corps Area (attached to Cavalry School), 15 Jun 1937; Cavalry School, c. 1939; Second Army, 3 Oct 1940 (two flights attached to Cavalry School to c. Apr 1941; third flight remained assigned to Cavalry School throughout period); II Air Support Command, 1 Sep 1941 (flight attached to Cavalry School to c. Dec 1941); 72d Observation (later, 72d Reconnaissance) Group, 26 Sep 1941 (attached to 6th Bombardment Group, 10 Apr–c. Jun 1942); Sixth Air Force, 1 Nov 1943; II Tactical Air Division, 24 May 1944; III Tactical Air Division, 24 Jun 1944; III Tactical Air Command, 1 Oct 1944; III Tactical Air Division, 4 Dec 1944; 7th Fighter Wing, 18 Apr 1945; AAF, Pacific Ocean Area (attached to XXI Bomber Command), 13 Jun 1945; United States Army Forces, Middle Pacific (attached to Twentieth Air Force), 16 Jul 1945; 315th Bombardment Wing, 18 Sep 1945; VII Fighter Command (later, 20th Fighter Wing), 4 Jan–17 Jun 1946. 432d Tactical Reconnaissance Group, 18 Mar 1954; 363d Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, 8 Feb 1958–18 May 1959. Tactical Air Command, 30 Jun 1965; 363d Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, 1 Oct 1965; Thirteenth Air Force, 20 Oct 1965; 460th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, 18 Feb 1966; 432d Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, 18 Sep 1966; 355th Tactical Fighter Wing, 15 Aug 1967–31 Oct 1969. 552d Airborne Warning and Control Wing (later, 552d Airborne Warning and Control Division), 1 Jul 1980; 28th Air Division, 1 Apr 1985 (attached to Air Division Provisional, 15, 5 Dec 1990–17 Apr 1991); 355th Operations Group, 1 May 1992–.

Stations

Ft Omaha, NE, 13 Nov 1917; Camp Morrison, VA, 9 Feb–29 Jun 1918; Camp de Meucon, Morbihan, France, 17 Jul 1918; Raulecourt, France, 14 Aug 1918; Xivray et Marvoisin, France, 12 Sep 1918; St Benoit-en-Woevre, France, 14 Sep 1918; Lamarche-en-Woevre, France, 16 Sep 1918; Thierville, France, 22 Sep 1918; Cumieres, France, 9 Oct 1918; Consenvoye, France, 7 Nov 1918; Fromereville, France, 12 Nov 1918; Damvillers, France, 14 Nov 1918; Ville-sur-Cousances, France, 26 Nov 1918; Colombey-les-Belles, France, 4 Feb 1919; Bordeaux, France, 18 Feb–20 Apr 1919; Camp

Stuart, VA, 4 May 1919; Camp Lee, VA, 8 May 1919; Ft Omaha, NE, 18 May 1919; Scott Field, IL, 28 Oct 1921; Marshall Field, KS, 15 Jun 1937–27 Dec 1941; Rio Hato, Panama, 14 Jan 1942; Howard Field, Canal Zone, 19 Jan 1942; David, Panama, 17 Apr 1942; Rio Hato, Panama, 10 May 1942; Howard Field, Canal Zone, 20 Jun 1942–7 May 1944; Pounds Field, TX, 24 May 1944; Muskogee AAFld, OK, 7 Dec 1944–4 Apr 1945; Kualoa Field, TH, 18 Apr–31 May 1945; Northwest Field, Guam, 13 Jun 1945 (detachment at Iwo Jima, 9 Aug–c. 15 Sep 1945); Isley Field, Saipan, 4 Jan 1946; Northwest Field, Guam, 15 Apr–17 Jun 1946. Shaw AFB, SC, 18 Mar 1954–18 May 1959. Shaw AFB, SC, 1 Oct 1965; Takhli RTAFB, Thailand, 20 Oct 1965–31 Oct 1969. Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ, 1 Jul 1980– (deployed at Bateen AB, Saudi Arabia, 27 Aug 1990–17 Apr 1991).

Aircraft

Type R observation balloon, 1918–1919, 1919–1921; probably included RN–1 (Zodiac), type SST (Mullion), type AA (pony blimp), A–4, D–4, OA–1, AC–1, TA–1, TA–5, TC–1, TC–3, TC–5, TC–6, TC–10, TC–11, TC–14, TE–1, type TE–3, and TF–1 nonrigid airships, RS–9 semirigid airship, type R (later, C–3) and C–6 observation balloons, and A–6, A–7, and A–8 spherical balloons during period 1922–1937; included O–19, O–25, and apparently O–46, during period 1937–1939; in addition to O–47, 1938–1944, L–4 and B–18, 1942–1944, and P–39, 1943–1944, included YG–1, c. 1938–1940, YO–51, 1940–1941, YO–50, and apparently O–59, 1941, O–49, 1941–1943, and CG–4, 1943; A–20, 1944, primarily F–5, 1944–1946. RB–26, 1954–1956; RB–66, 1956–1959. RB–66, 1965; EB–66, 1965–1969. EC–130, 1982–.

Operations

Observation unit with French XVII and XXXII and American III and IV Army Corps, 16 Aug–11 Nov 1918. Air defense for Panama Canal, Jan 1942–May 1944, with occasional antisubmarine patrols over the Caribbean and Pacific, especially during May and Jun 1942; deployed to Western Pacific in Jun 1945, but never entered combat. Combat in Southeast Asia, c. Nov 1965–31 Oct 1969. Command, control, and communications countermeasures, 1982–. Electronic countermeasures in Southwest Asia, 27 Aug 1990–17 Apr 1991.

Service Streamers

World War II Asiatic-Pacific Theater.

Campaign Streamers

World War I: Lorraine; St Mihiel; Meuse-Argonne. World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater. Vietnam: Vietnam Defensive; Vietnam Air; Vietnam Air Offensive; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air/ Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; TET 69/Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer-Fall 1969. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Presidential Unit Citations (Southeast Asia): 18 Feb–18 Sep 1966; 11–12 Aug and 24–28 Oct 1967; 12 Apr 1968–30 Apr 1969. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat “V” Device: 18 Sep 1966–15 Aug 1967; 16 Aug 1967–11 Apr 1968; 1 Jul–31 Oct 1969. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1982–30 Jun 1984; 1 Apr 1985–31 Mar 1987; 1 Jan 1992–1 Jun 1993. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 18 Feb 1966–31 Oct 1969.

Emblem

On a Medium Blue disc edged Black a Blue equilateral triangle charged with a Yellow demi-sun emitting thirteen rays, all within a Black band formed by three chain links highlighted White. Approved on 28 Oct 1981 (KE 74125) and modified in 1994; replaced emblem approved on 3 Jan 1933 (K 8141).



41st Rescue Squadron

Constituted 41st Air Rescue Squadron on 17 Oct 1952. Activated on 14 Nov 1952.
Discontinued on 18 Mar 1960. Activated on 29 Dec 1961. Organized on 8 Jan 1962.
Redesignated 41st Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron on 8 Jan 1966. Inactivated
on 30 Sep 1987. Activated on 1 Mar 1989. Redesignated: 41st Air Rescue Squadron on
1 Jun 1989; 41st Rescue Squadron on 1 Feb 1993.

Assignments

4th Air Rescue Group, 14 Nov 1952; Air Rescue and Recovery Service, 8 Dec 1956–18 Mar 1960. Military Air Transport Service, 29 Dec 1961; Air (later, Aerospace) Rescue and Recovery Service, 8 Jan 1962; 39th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Wing, 1 Jan 1970; 41st Rescue and Weather Reconnaissance Wing, 1 Sep 1975–30 Sep 1987. 41st Rescue and Weather Reconnaissance Wing, 1 Mar 1989 (attached to Eastern Space and Missile Center for operational control, 1 Mar 1989–); Air Rescue Service, 1 Aug 1989; 1st Operations Group, 1 Feb 1993; 1st Rescue Group, 14 Jun 1995–.

Stations

Hamilton AFB, CA, 14 Nov 1952–18 Mar 1960. Hamilton AFB, CA, 8 Jan 1962; McClellan AFB, CA, 1 Aug 1973–30 Sep 1987. Patrick AFB, FL, 1 Mar 1989–.

Aircraft

SB-17, 1952–c. 1953; C-82, 1952–1953; H-5, 1952–c. 1953; SA-16, 1953–c. 1960; SH-19, c. 1953–c. 1960. SA/HU-16, 1962–1968; SH/HH-19, 1962–1963; HH-43, 1963; HC-130, 1966–1987; CH/HH-53, 1971–1973; HH-3, 1973–1976; HH-53, 1976–1987. CH/HH-3, 1989–.

Operations

Search and rescue, 1952–1960, 1962–1987; and 1989–. Recovered high-altitude atmospheric-sampling devices, 1962–1987. Beginning in Mar 1989, provided prelaunch security and safety surveillance of NASA launches and recovery or medical evacuation for Space Shuttle crewmembers.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 22–28 Dec 1955; 1 Apr 1968–31 Mar 1970; 1 Jul 1972–30 Jun 1974; 1 Sep 1975–1 May 1977; 16 Jul 1977–16 Jul 1979; 17 Jul 1979–15 Jun 1981; 1 Apr 1984–31 Mar 1986; 1 Apr 1987–[30 Sep 1987]; 1 Feb 1993–30 Apr 1994.

Emblem

On a Black bordered White disc, extending to border a Red curvilinear suspension bridge with Black outlined truss spanning a stylized expanse of Dark Blue water with wide White caps at top and narrower White caps toward base, the latter half concealing a downed White plane all outlined Black. Overall above plane and Blue area of water, a stylized swooping Light Blue hawk, eyed White and with Yellow beak, feet and end of tail feathers, and with elevated wings. Approved on 24 May 1954 (49781 A.C.).



42d Airborne Command and Control Squadron

Constituted as 42d Reconnaissance Squadron, Very Long Range, Photographic, on 24 Oct 1945. Activated on 7 Nov 1945. Inactivated on 19 Aug 1946. Redesignated 42d Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, Electronics and Weather, on 11 Dec 1953. Activated on 18 Mar 1954. Redesignated 42d Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, Electronic, on 1 Jul 1965. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 22 Aug 1966. Redesignated 42d Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron, and activated, on 15 Dec 1967. Organized on 1 Jan 1968. Inactivated on 15 Mar 1974. Redesignated 42d Electronic Combat Squadron on 23 May 1983. Activated on 1 Jul 1983. Inactivated on 1 Jul 1992. Redesignated 42d Airborne Command and Control Squadron on 24 Jun 1994. Activated on 1 Jul 1994.

Assignments

VIII Bomber Command, 7 Nov 1945; 17th Bombardment Operational Training Wing, c. 31 Jan 1946; Second Air Force, 18 Feb 1946; Fifteenth Air Force, 31 Mar–19 Aug 1946. 10th Tactical Reconnaissance Group, 18 Mar 1954; 10th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, 8 Dec 1957; 25th Tactical Reconnaissance Group, 1 Jul 1965; 25th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, 1 Oct 1965–22 Aug 1966. Pacific Air Forces, 15 Dec 1967; 355th Tactical Fighter Wing, 1 Jan 1968 (attached to 388th Tactical Fighter Wing, c. 21 Sep–14 Oct 1970); 388th Tactical Fighter Wing, 15 Oct 1970–15 Mar 1974. 20th Tactical Fighter Wing, 1 Jul 1983; 66th Electronic Combat Wing (attached to 20th Tactical Fighter Wing), 1 Jun 1985; 20th Tactical Fighter (later, 20th Fighter) Wing, 25 Jan 1991–1 Jul 1992. 355th Operations Group, 1 Jul 1994–.

Stations

Smoky Hill AAFld, KS, 7 Nov 1945–19 Aug 1946. Spangdahlem AB, Germany, 18 Mar 1954; RAF Chelveston, England, c. 20 Aug 1959; Toul-Rosieres AB, France, 1 Aug 1962 (deployed at Chambley AB, France, 15 May–9 Oct 1963); Chambley AB, France, 1 Jul 1965–22 Aug 1966. Takhli RTAFB, Thailand, 1 Jan 1968; Korat RTAFB, Thailand, 22 Sep 1970–15 Mar 1974. RAF Upper Heyford, England, 1 Jul 1983–1 Jul 1992. Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ, 1 Jul 1994–.

Aircraft

B–29, 1945–1946. RB–26, 1954–1957; T/WT–33, 1955–1957; RB–66, 1956–1965; WB–66, 1957–1960; B–66, 1960–1966. EB–66, 1968–1974. EF–111, 1984–1992.

Operations

Provided weather and electronic reconnaissance for US and NATO forces in Europe, Mar 1954–Aug 1966. Airborne intelligence operations in Southeast Asia, 1968–1973. Provided electronic countermeasures to US Navy aircraft for combat in Libya, 15 Apr 1986. Provided electronic countermeasure jamming in Southwest Asia, c. 31 Aug 1990–9 Mar 1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

Vietnam: Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air/Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; TET 69/ Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer-Fall, 1969; Vietnam Winter-Spring, 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon; Commando Hunt V; Commando Hunt VI; Commando Hunt VII; Vietnam Ceasefire. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Presidential Unit Citation: Southeast Asia, 12 Apr 1968–30 Apr 1969. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards With Combat “V” Device: 8 Jan–11 Apr 1968; 1 Jul 1969–15 Oct 1970; [16] Oct 1970–20 May 1971; 18 Dec 1972–15 Aug 1973. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 31 Dec 1959–1 Jan 1962; 1 Jun 1989–31 May 1991. Navy Meritorious Unit Citation: 10–16 Apr 1986. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: [1 Jan 1968]–28 Jan 1973.

Emblem

On a Gray disc in front of a White four-pointed star shaded Blue a Gold Brown eagle with White head and tail; Yellow beak, and legs, detailed Dark Brown, in flight to the viewers left; above a Blue demi-globe issuant from base gridlined Yellow and above the eagle’s head two Yellow lightning flashes crossed diagonally all within a narrow Blue border. Approved on 20 Jan 1984 (DFSC 84–05551); replaced emblem approved on 20 Jul 1954 (K 8473).



43d Electronic Combat Squadron

Organized as 86th Aero Squadron on 17 Aug 1917. Demobilized on 26 May 1919. Reconstituted, and consolidated (1 Dec 1936) with 86th Observation Squadron, which was constituted and activated on 1 Mar 1935. Inactivated on 1 Sep 1936. Activated on 1 Feb 1940. Redesignated: 86th Observation Squadron (Medium) on 26 Feb 1942; 86th Observation Squadron on 4 Jul 1942; 86th Reconnaissance Squadron (Bomber) on 31 May 1943; 86th Combat Mapping Squadron on 13 Nov 1943; 43d Reconnaissance Squadron, Long Range, Photographic, on 16 Jun 1945. Inactivated on 22 Feb 1946. Redesignated 43d Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, Night-Photographic, on 14 Jan 1954. Activated on 18 Mar 1954. Redesignated 43d Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, Night Photo-Jet, on 8 Apr 1956. Inactivated on 18 May 1959. Redesignated 43d Electronic Combat Squadron on 6 Jun 1986. Activated on 1 Oct 1986. Inactivated on 31 Jul 1991. Activated on 1 May 1992.

Assignments

Unkn, 17 Aug 1917–Sep 1918; Advanced Air Service Depot, Sep 1918–Mar 1919; unkn, Mar–26 May 1919. Air Corps Tactical School, 1 Mar 1935–1 Sep 1936. Hawaiian Department, 1 Feb 1940; Hawaiian (later, Seventh) Air Force, Nov 1940; AAF, Pacific Ocean Areas (later, US Army Strategic Air Forces), 24 Oct 1944 (attached to VI Air Service Area Command, 24 Oct 1944–14 Sep 1945; detachment attached to 4th Reconnaissance Group, Jun–Aug 1945); US Army Forces, Middle Pacific, 14 Sep 1945 (attached to 7th Fighter Wing to 22 Feb 1946); Twentieth Air Force, 18 Sep 1945; Seventh Air Force, 1 Jan–22 Feb 1946. 432d Tactical Reconnaissance Group, 18 Mar 1954; 363d Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, 8 Feb 1958–18 May 1959 (attached to 432d Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, c. 1 Feb–7 Apr 1959). 66th Electronic Combat Wing, 1 Oct 1986–31 Jul 1991. 355th Operations Group, 1 May 1992–.

Stations

Kelly Field, TX, 17 Aug 1917; Scott Field, IL, 24 Sep 1917; Garden City, NY, 26 Feb–5 Mar 1918; Shoreham by Sea, England, 25 Mar–11 Aug 1918; St Maixent, France, 15 Aug 1918; Romorantin, France, c. 25 Aug 1918; Vavin court, France, 4 Sep 1918; Behonne, France, 18 Sep 1918; Bordeaux, France, c. 9 Mar 1919–unkn; Camp Lee, VA, c. 23–26 May 1919. Maxwell Field, AL, 1 Mar 1935–1 Sep 1936. Wheeler Field, TH, 1 Feb 1940; Bellows Field, TH, 15 Mar 1941; Hilo Aprt, TH, Jun 1942; Wheeler Field, TH, 17 Aug 1942–c. 28 Jun 1944 (detachment operated from Kwajalein, May–Jun 1944, and from Eniwetok, Jun–Aug 1944); Saipan, 8 Jul–6 Nov 1944 (air echelon, less Eniwetok detachment, at Wheeler Field, TH, to Oct 1944, and at Kahuka AAB, TH, from Oct 1944); Kahuka AAB, TH, 24 Nov 1944 (detachment operated from Puerta Princesa, Palawan, Jun–Aug 1945); Wheeler Field, TH, Feb–22 Feb 1946. Shaw AFB, SC, 18 Mar 1954–18 May 1959. Sembach AB, Germany, 1 Oct 1986–31 Jul 1991. Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ, 1 May 1992–.

Aircraft

Included O–19 during period 1935–1936. In addition to O–47, 1940–1943, and B–18, 1942–1943, included B–12, 1940–1942, O–49, 1941–1942; and A–20, A–24, L–2, L–3, PQ–8, and AT–23, 1943; principally F–7, 1944–1945. RB–57, 1954–1956; RB–66, 1956–1959. EC–130, 1987–1991. EC–130, 1992–.

Operations

Air Park in Zone of Advance, Sep 1918–Mar 1919. Patrols over Hawaiian waters, 7 Dec 1941–c. May 1942; combat in Central Pacific and Western Pacific, 14 Apr–8 Aug 1944; primarily aerial transportation, Feb–Jul 1945; reconnaissance in Southwest Pacific, 6 Jul–c. 5 Aug 1945. Photographic reconnaissance over the southwestern US, Mar 1954–May 1959. Electronic countermeasures, 1987–1991 and 1992–. Provided crewmen and equipment for electronic combat operations during the Gulf War, 17 Jan–10 Mar 1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War I: Meuse-Argonne. World War II: Central Pacific; Eastern Mandates; Western Pacific; Southern Philippines; China Offensive; Air Combat, Asiatic-Pacific Theater. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award: 1 Jun 1989–31 May 1991.

Emblem

On a disc divided horizontally Red above White, a Black bat displayed throughout detailed White with Red eyes and mouth wearing a Silver Gray helmet and a Blue scarf detailed Black; all within a narrow Black border. Approved on 5 Nov 1987 (DFSC 88–01580); replaced emblem approved on 29 Apr 1955 (152520 A.C.).



44th Fighter Squadron

Constituted 44th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) on 22 Nov 1940. Activated on 1 Jan 1941. Redesignated: 44th Fighter Squadron on 15 May 1942; 44th Fighter Squadron, Two Engine, on 26 Jan 1944; 44th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 6 May 1946; 44th Fighter Squadron, Jet, on 23 Dec 1949; 44th Fighter-Bomber Squadron on 20 Jan 1950; 44th Tactical Fighter Squadron on 1 Jul 1958; 44th Fighter Squadron on 1 Oct 1991.

Assignments

18th Pursuit (later, 18th Fighter) Group, 1 Jan 1941; 318th Fighter Group, 20 Oct 1942; South Pacific Area, 1 Dec 1942; Thirteenth Air Force, 4 Jan 1943; 18th Fighter (later, 18th Fighter-Bomber) Group, 30 Mar 1943 (attached to 18th Fighter-Bomber Wing, 25 Jul–30 Nov 1950; 6200th Air Base Wing, 1 Dec 1950–30 Jan 1953; Thirteenth Air Force, 31 Jan 1953–10 Nov 1954 and 11 Dec 1954–4 Jan 1955; 6200th Air Base Wing, 5–27 Jan 1955; Air Task Group Fifth, Provisional, 27 Jan–16 Feb 1955; 6200th Air Base Wing, 17 Feb–14 Jul 1955; Air Task Force 13, Provisional, 3–30 Sep 1955; 314th Air Division, 15–18 Apr 1956; 18th Fighter-Bomber Wing, 1 Feb–30 Sep 1957); 18th Fighter-Bomber (later, 18th Tactical Fighter) Wing, 1 Oct 1957 (attached to 2d Air Division, 18 Dec 1964–25 Feb 1965, 21 Apr–23 Jun 1965, and 19–29 Oct 1965); 388th Tactical Fighter Wing, 25 Apr 1967 (attached to 355th Tactical Fighter Wing, 10–14 Oct 1969); 355th Tactical Fighter Wing, 15 Oct 1969; Thirteenth Air Force, 10 Dec 1970; 18th Tactical Fighter Wing, 15 Mar 1971 (attached to 3d Tactical Fighter Wing, 2 Apr–2 Jun 1972 and 28 Jul–8 Sep 1972; 327th Air Division, 6 Nov 1972–5 Aug 1973, 26 Aug–16 Sep 1973, 7–28 Oct 1973, 18 Nov–9 Dec 1973, 30 Dec 1973–20 Jan 1974, 10 Feb–2 Mar 1974, 23 Mar–13 Apr 1974, 4–25 May 1974, 15 Jun–6 Jul 1974, 27 Jul–16 Aug 1974, 5 Sep–17 Oct 1974, 30 Nov 1974–9 Jan 1975, and 20 Feb–10 Apr 1975); 18th Tactical Fighter Group, 1 May 1978; 18th Tactical Fighter Wing, 11 Feb 1981; 18th Operations Group, 1 Oct 1991–.

Stations

Wheeler Field, TH, 1 Jan 1941; Bellows Field, TH, 7 Nov 1941; Wheeler Field, TH, 12 Dec 1941; Kaneohe, TH, 27 Dec 1941; Wheeler Field, TH, 25 Jan 1942; Bellows Field, TH, 23 Jun–23 Oct 1942; Efate, New Hebrides, 7 Nov 1942 (air echelon operated from Guadalcanal, 20 Dec 1942–20 Mar 1944); Espiritu Santo, 25 Oct 1943 (air echelon operated from Treasury Island, Solomon Islands, 20 Mar–25 Apr 1944, and from Guadalcanal, 11 May–16 Jul 1944); Guadalcanal, 17 Jul 1944; Cape Opmarai, New Guinea, 23 Aug 1944 (air echelon operated from Morotai, 7 Nov 1944–16 Jan 1945); Lingayen, Luzon, 13 Jan 1945; San Jose, Mindoro, 26 Feb 1945 (air echelon operated from Palawan, 26 Apr–13 May 1945); Zamboanga, Mindanao, 4 May–Nov 1945; Puerto Princesa, Palawan, 10 Nov 1945; Florida Blanca, Luzon, 17 Jul 1946; Clark Field (later, AFB), Luzon, 3 Oct 1947 (deployed at Yonton Auxiliary AB, Okinawa, 11 Nov–11 Dec

1954; Tao Yuan AB, Formosa, 27 Jan–17 Feb 1955); Kadena AB, Okinawa, 15 Jul 1955 (deployed at Tao Yuan AB, Formosa, 3–30 Sep 1955; Pyongtaek AB, South Korea, 15–18 Apr 1956; and Korat RTAFB, Thailand, 18 Dec 1964–25 Feb 1965, 21 Apr–22 Jun 1965, and 10–29 Oct 1965); Korat RTAFB, Thailand 25 Apr 1967 (deployed at Takhli RTAFB, Thailand, 1–27 Feb 1969); Takhli RTAFB, Thailand, 10 Oct 1969–15 Mar 1971; Kadena AB, Okinawa (later, Japan), 15 Mar 1971– (deployed at Kunsan AB, South Korea, 2 Apr–2 Jun 1972 and 28 Jul–8 Sep 1972; Ching Chaun Kang AB, Taiwan, 6 Nov 1972–5 Aug 1973, 26 Aug–16 Sep 1973, 7–28 Oct 1973, 18 Nov–9 Dec 1973, 30 Dec 1973–20 Jan 1974, 10 Feb–2 Mar 1974, 23 Mar–13 Apr 1974, 4–25 May 1974, 15 Jun–6 Jul 1974, 27 Jul–16 Aug 1974, 5 Sep–17 Oct 1974, 30 Nov 1974–9 Jan 1975, and 20 Feb–10 Apr 1975).

Aircraft

P–40, 1941–1942, 1943; P–38, 1943–1946; P (later, F)–51, 1946–1947, 1948–1950; P–47, 1946–1947, 1947–1948; P–80, 1946–1947, 1949–1954; F–86, 1954–1957; F–100, 1957–1964; F–105, 1963–1966, 1967–1970; F–4, 1971–1980; F–15, 1979–.

Operations

Flew patrols over the Pacific from Hawaii, 7 Dec 1941–Oct 1942. Combat in the South and Southwest Pacific, 21 Dec 1942–15 Aug 1945. Combat in Southeast Asia, 18 Dec 1964–25 Feb 1965, 21 Apr–22 Jun 1965, 19–29 Oct 1965, and 25 Apr 1967–6 Oct 1970. Unmanned, 31 Dec 1966–24 Apr 1967 and Nov 1970–15 May 1971. Air defense of Okinawa and Japan, 1971–.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Guadalcanal; Northern Solomons; Bismarck Archipelago; New Guinea; Leyte; Luzon; Southern Philippines; Central Pacific; Western Pacific; China Defensive. Vietnam: Vietnam Advisory; Vietnam Defensive; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air/Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; TET 69/ Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer-Fall, 1969; Vietnam Winter-Spring, 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon; Commando Hunt V.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Award: Philippine Islands, 10–11 Nov 1944. Presidential Unit Citations: Southeast Asia, 22 Apr–23 Jun 1965 and 22–28 Oct 1965; Southeast Asia, 25 Apr–1 May 1967. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat “V” Device: 1 Aug 1964–5 Jun 1965; 25 Apr–30 Jun 1967; 1 Jul 1967–30 Jun 1968; 1 Jul 1968–15 Sep 1969; 15 Oct 1969–24 Nov 1970. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Dec 1959–30 Nov 1960; 1 Sep 1962–31 Aug 1963; 6 Jun 1965–31 Dec 1966; 1 Sep 1978–30 Sep 1979; 1 Oct 1979–31 May 1980; 1 Jul 1981–31 May 1983; 1 Jun 1983–31 May 1984; 1 Jul 1984–31 May 1986; 1 Jun 1987–31 May 1989; 1 Jun 1989–31 May 1991. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII). Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 7 Mar 1967–15 Mar 1971.

Emblem

A bat’s head affronte, with leering expression, Black, with Yellow and Red detail, between two wings, expanded and inverted, Red, with ribs Black. Approved on 18 Feb 1942 (49004 A.C.).



45th Airlift Squadron

Constituted 45th Transport Squadron on 30 May 1942. Activated on 15 Jun 1942.
Redesignated 45th Troop Carrier Squadron on 4 Jul 1942. Inactivated on 26 Dec 1945.
Redesignated 45th Airlift Flight on 1 Apr 1993. Activated on 1 May 1993. Inactivated on
1 Oct 1993. Redesignated 45th Airlift Squadron on 21 Mar 1994. Activated on 1 Jul 1994.

Assignments

316th Transport (later, 316th Troop Carrier) Group, 15 Jun 1942; I Troop Carrier Command, May–26 Dec 1945 (attached to VI Air Service Area Command, 9 Sep–c. 20 Dec 1945). 2d Operations Group, 1 May–1 Oct 1993. 81st Training Group, 1 Jul 1994–.

Stations

Patterson Field, OH, 15 Jun 1942; Bowman Field, KY, 20 Jun 1942; Lawson Field, GA, 9 Aug 1942; Del Valle, TX, 29 Sep–10 Nov 1942; Egypt, 25 Nov 1942; Libya, Mar 1943; Nouvion, Algeria, 24 May 1943; Guercif, French Morocco, 28 May 1943; Enfidaville, Tunisia, 21 Jun 1943; Mazara, Sicily, 1 Sep 1943; Borizzo, Sicily, 18 Oct 1943–12 Feb 1944; Cottesmore, England, 15 Feb 1944–May 1945; Pope Field, NC, May 1945; Baer Field, IN, 20 Jun–15 Aug 1945; Kipapa Airfield, TH, 9 Sep 1945; Wheeler Field, TH, 29 Sep–20 Dec 1945; Camp Anza, CA, 26 Dec 1945. Barksdale AFB, LA, 1 May–1 Oct 1993. Keesler AFB, MS, 1 Jul 1994–.

Aircraft

C–47, 1942–1945; C–46, 1945.

Operations

Included airborne assaults on Sicily, Normandy, Holland, and Germany; aerial transportation in MTO and ETO, Nov 1942–Apr 1945.

Service Streamers

World War II Asiatic-Pacific Theater.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Egypt-Libya; Tunisia; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Rome-Arno; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Central Europe.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, Sicily, 25 Nov 1942–25 Aug 1943; Sicily, 11 Jul 1943; France, [6–7] Jun 1944.

Emblem

Azure a pile throughout Gules fimbriated with lightning flashes Or, charged in chief with a mullet Argent pierced Red and between in base two mullets of the like; all within a diminished bordure Silver Gray. Approved on 5 Jun 1995.



45th Reconnaissance Squadron

Constituted 423d Night Fighter Squadron on 17 Aug 1943. Activated on 1 Oct 1943. Redesignated: 155th Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron on 22 Jun 1944; 45th Reconnaissance Squadron, Night Photographic, on 3 Dec 1945; 45th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, Night Photographic, on 1 Jul 1948. Inactivated on 25 Mar 1949. Redesignated 45th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron on 19 Sep 1950. Activated on 26 Sep 1950. Redesignated: 45th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, Photographic-Jet, on 1 Jan 1953; 45th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron on 1 Jan 1967. Inactivated on 31 May 1971. Activated on 15 Oct 1971. Inactivated on 31 Oct 1975. Redesignated 45th Tactical Reconnaissance Training Squadron on 8 Sep 1981. Activated on 1 Apr 1982. Inactivated on 30 Sep 1989. Redesignated 45th Reconnaissance Squadron on 24 Jun 1994. Activated on 1 Jul 1994.

Assignments

Air Defense Department, AAF School of Applied Tactics (attached to 481st Night Fighter Operational Training Group), 1 Oct 1943; 481st Night Fighter Operational Training Group, 1 Nov 1943; IX Tactical Air Command, 18 Apr 1944; 10th Photographic Group, 17 May 1944; IX Tactical Air Command, 16 Feb 1945; 67th Tactical Reconnaissance Group, 21 Feb 1945 (attached to 9th Tactical Reconnaissance Group [Prov], 25 Apr–23 May 1945); 363d Tactical Reconnaissance Group, 23 May 1945; IX Tactical Air Command, 12 Jul 1945; 64th Fighter Wing, 1 Aug 1945; 10th Reconnaissance Group, 24 Nov 1945; 86th Composite Group, 15 May 1947; United States Air Forces in Europe, 14 Jan 1948; 7300th Air Force Composite Wing, 1 Jul 1948; United States Air Forces in Europe (attached to 36th Fighter Wing), 13 Aug 1948–25 Mar 1949. 543d Tactical Support Group, 26 Sep 1950; 314th Air Division, 1 Dec 1950 (attached to 49th Fighter-Bomber Wing, 27 Dec 1950–24 Feb 1951); 67th Tactical Reconnaissance Group, 25 Feb 1951 (attached to 67th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, 1 Jun–25 Nov 1954 and 1 Jul–30 Sep 1957); 67th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, 1 Oct 1957; 39th Air Division, 25 Apr 1960 (attached to 460th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, 8 Jul 1966–[as Detachment 1, 45th TRS]); 475th Tactical Fighter Wing, 15 Jan 1968 (remained attached to 460th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing [as Detachment 1, 45th TRS] to 31 Dec 1970); Fifth Air Force, 15 Mar–31 May 1971. 67th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, 15 Oct 1971–31 Oct 1975 (attached to 10th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, 13 Jun–7 Jul 1973). 67th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, 1 Apr 1982–30 Sep 1989. 55th Operations Group, 1 Jul 1994–.

Stations

Orlando AB, FL, 1 Oct 1943; Kern County Aprt, CA, 29 Jan–26 Mar 1944; Chormy Down, England, 18 Apr 1944; Chalgrove, England, 20 May 1944; Rennes, France, c. 10 Aug 1944; Chateaudun, France, 28 Aug 1944; St Dizier, France, c. 12 Sep 1944; Le Culot, Belgium, c. 13 Feb 1945; Maastricht, Holland, c. 4 Apr 1945; Kassel/Rothwesten, Germany, c. 10 Jul 1945; Darmstadt, Germany, 28 Sep 1945; Furth, Germany, 24 Nov 1945; Furstenfeldbruck, Germany, 26 Mar 1947–25 Mar 1949. Itazuke AB, Japan, 26 Sep 1950; Komaki AB, Japan, 23 Oct 1950; Taegu AB, South Korea, 27 Dec 1950; Kimpo, South Korea, 18 Aug 1951; Misawa AB, Japan, 3 Mar 1955–31 May 1971 (detachment at Don Muang RTAFB, Thailand, Nov 1961–1 May 1962 and 14 Nov–14 Dec 1962; Tan Son Nhut AB, South Vietnam, 14 Dec 1962–5 May 1963, 1 Nov 1963–3 May 1964, and 1 Feb–

6 Nov 1965; Udorn RTAFB, Thailand, 1 Nov 1965–15 Aug 1966; deployed at Tan Son Nhut AB, South Vietnam, Jul 1966–31 Dec 1970). Bergstrom AFB, TX, 15 Oct 1971–31 Oct 1975 (deployed at RAF Alconbury, England, 13 Jun–7 Jul 1973). Bergstrom AFB, TX, 1 Apr 1982–30 Sep 1989. Offutt AFB, NE, 1 Jul 1994–.

Aircraft

P–70, 1943–1944; A–20, 1943–1945; F–3, 1944–1945; A–26 (later, B–26), 1945–1949; F–6, 1946–1948; B–17, 1948. T–6, 1950–1951; F–51, 1950–1953; C–47, 1951–1952; F–80, 1952–1955; RF–80, 1952–1955; RF–84, 1955–1958; RF–101, 1958–1970. RF–4, 1971–1975. RF–4, 1982–1989.

Operations

Combat in ETO, 6 Jun 1944–8 Apr 1945. Photo-mapping of Europe, Jun 1945–Mar 1949. Combat in Korea, 29 Dec 1950–27 Jul 1953. Squadron detachments flew combat reconnaissance in SEA, Nov 1961–Jul 1966. Combat reconnaissance in SEA, Jul 1966–Nov 1970.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe. Korea: CCF Intervention; First UN Counteroffensive; CCF Spring Offensive; UN Summer-Fall Offensive; Second Korean Winter; Korea Summer-Fall, 1952; Third Korean Winter; Korea, Summer 1953. Vietnam: Vietnam Advisory; Vietnam Defensive; Vietnam Air Offensive; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air/Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; TET 69/ Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer-Fall, 1969; Vietnam Winter-Spring, 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations (Korea): 25 Feb–21 Apr 1951; 9 Jul–27 Nov 1951; 1 May–27 Jul 1953. Presidential Unit Citations (Southeast Asia): 18 Feb 1966–30 Jun 1967; 1 Sep 1967–10 Jul 1968; 11 Jul 1968–31 Aug 1969. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat “V” Device: 1 Nov 1962–31 Oct 1963; 1 Nov 1963–31 Dec 1964; 1 Jan 1966–30 May 1967;

1 Jul 1969–30 Jun 1970; 1 Jul–31 Dec 1970. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Dec 1952–30 Apr 1953; 8 Nov 1961–10 May 1962; 16 Oct 1971–15 May 1973; 16 May 1974–31 Oct 1975; 1 Jun 1982–31 May 1983; 1 Jun 1983–31 May 1984; 1 Jan 1985–1 Feb 1986. Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation: 10 Feb 1951–31 Mar 1953. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 1 Apr 1966–30 Apr 1970.

Emblem

On a Yellow disc edged with a narrow Green border a Black and White representation of Sylvester the cat, in a running position, with Red nose and tongue, garbed in a Brown coonskin cap, garnished Dark Brown, with a Gray and White camera suspended around about its neck by a Gray strap, grasping in its dexter paw a White rolled map with Green land masses and in the sinister paw a Brown Kentucky rifle garnished Dark Brown, all outlines and details Black. COPYRIGHT—Warner Bros. Approved on 29 Dec 1952 (DFSC 82–05120); replaced emblem approved 15 Feb 1944 (27554 A.C.).



48th Rescue Squadron

Constituted 48th Air Rescue Squadron on 17 Oct 1952. Activated on 14 Nov 1952. Redesignated: 48th Air Recovery Squadron on 1 Feb 1965; 48th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron on 8 Jan 1966; 48th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron, Training, on 8 Jul 1967. Inactivated on 7 Feb 1969. Redesignated 48th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron on 14 Sep 1972. Activated on 15 Sep 1972. Inactivated on 1 Aug 1976. Activated on 1 Oct 1985. Inactivated on 31 Dec 1987. Redesignated 48th Rescue Squadron on 1 Apr 1993. Activated on 1 May 1993.

Assignments

5th Air Rescue Group, 14 Nov 1952; Air (later, Aerospace) Rescue and Recovery Service, 8 Dec 1956–7 Feb 1969. 39th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Wing, 15 Sep 1972; 41st Rescue and Weather Reconnaissance Wing, 1 Jan–1 Aug 1976. 39th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Wing, 1 Oct 1985–31 Dec 1987. 49th Operations Group, 1 May 1993–.

Stations

Maxwell AFB, AL, 14 Nov 1952; Eglin AFB, FL, 10 Jan 1955–7 Feb 1969. Fairchild AFB, WA, 15 Sep 1972–1 Aug 1976. Homestead AFB, FL, 1 Oct 1985–31 Dec 1987. Holloman AFB, NM, 1 May 1993–.

Aircraft

SB–29, 1952–1954; C–82, 1952–1953; SA–16 (later, HU–16), 1954–1968; H/SH–19 (later, HH–19), 1954–1963; C/SC–54 (later, C/HC–54), 1956–1965; HH–43, 1963–1965, 1966–1968; HC–130, 1965–1969; HH/CH–3, 1966–1969; HH–53, 1966–1969. UH–1, 1972–1976. UH–1, 1985–1987.

Operations

Search, rescue and recovery duties mostly over water, 1952–1969, 1972–1976, 1985–1987. Supported USAF Survival School, 1972–1976 and 1985–1987. Squadron personnel performed interdiction missions in support of the South Florida Drug Interdiction Task Force, 1985–1987.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 May–7 Jun 1967; [15 Sep] 1972–30 Jun 1974.

Emblem

Vert, a globe issuant from base Sable gridlined Azure, overall a Pegasus rampant contourne Argent, all within a diminished bordure Or. *MOTTO*: NIGHT RIDERS. Approved on 19 May 1994 (DFSC 94–02293); replaced emblem approved on 1 Dec 1953 (48478 A.C.).



49th Flying Training Squadron

Constituted 49th Pursuit Squadron (Fighter) on 20 Nov 1940. Activated on 15 Jan 1941. Redesignated: 49th Fighter Squadron (Twin Engine) on 15 May 1942; 49th Fighter Squadron, Two Engine, on 28 Feb 1944. Inactivated on 9 Sep 1945. Redesignated 49th Fighter Squadron, Jet Propelled, and activated, on 20 Nov 1946. Redesignated 49th Fighter Squadron, Jet, on 26 Jul 1948. Inactivated on 2 Oct 1949. Redesignated 49th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron on 11 Sep 1952. Activated on 1 Nov 1952. Inactivated on 7 Jul 1987. Redesignated 49th Flying Training Squadron on 11 May 1990. Activated on 25 Jun 1990. Inactivated on 18 Sep 1992. Activated on 1 Jul 1993.

Assignments

14th Pursuit (later, 14th Fighter) Group, 15 Jan 1941–9 Sep 1945. 14th Fighter Group, 20 Nov 1946–2 Oct 1949. 4711th Defense (later, 4711th Air Defense) Wing, 1 Nov 1952; 4707th Air Defense Wing, 5 Nov 1955; 32d Air Division, 16 Jun 1956; Boston Air Defense Sector, 1 Aug 1958; 4727th Air Defense Group, 1 Jul 1959; Syracuse Air Defense Sector, 15 Oct 1959; Boston Air Defense Sector, 4 Sep 1963; 35th Air Division, 1 Apr 1966; 21st Air Division, 19 Nov 1969; 24th Air Division, 23 Sep 1983–7 Jul 1987. 14th Flying Training Wing, 25 Jun 1990; 14th Operations Group, 15 Dec 1991–18 Sep 1992. 14th Operations Group, 1 Jul 1993–.

Stations

Hamilton Field, CA, 15 Jan 1941; March Field, CA, 10 Jun 1941 (operated from San Diego, CA, 7–12 Dec 1941); Hamilton Field, CA, 9 May–16 Jul 1942; Atcham, England, 18 Aug–28 Oct 1942; Tafaraoui, Algeria, 15 Nov 1942; Youks-les-Bains, Algeria, 22 Nov 1942; Berteaux, Algeria, 9 Jan 1943; Mediouna, French Morocco, 5 Mar 1943; Telergma, Algeria, 5 May 1943; El Bathan, Tunisia, 3 Jun 1943; Ste-Marie-du-Zit, Tunisia, 25 Jul 1943; Triolo Airfield, Italy, 12 Dec 1943 (operated from Corsica, 10–21 Aug 1944); Lesina, Italy, Sep–9 Sep 1945. Dow Field (later, AFB), ME, 20 Nov 1946–2 Oct 1949. Dow AFB, ME, 1 Nov 1952; Laurence G. Hanscom Field, MA, 5 Nov 1955; Griffiss AFB, NY, 1 Jul 1959–7 Jul 1987. Columbus AFB, MS, 25 Jun 1990–18 Sep 1992. Columbus AFB, MS, 1 Jul 1993–.

Aircraft

P–40, P–43, and P–66, 1941; P–38, 1941–1945. P–47, 1946–1949; P–84, 1947–1949. F–80, 1952–1953; F–86, 1953–1959; T–33, 1952–1953, 1956–1986; F–89, 1959; F–101, 1959–1968; F–106, 1968–1987. T–38, 1990–1992.

Operations

Air defense patrols, 7–12 Dec 1941. Combat in ETO and MTO, 21 Oct 1942–1 May 1945. Air defense, 1947–1949, and 1952–1987. Undergraduate pilot training, 1990–1992.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Tunisia; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Anzio; Rome-Arno; Normandy; Northern France; Southern France; North Apennines; Rhineland; Central Europe; Po Valley; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: Austria, 2 Apr 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1974–30 Jun 1975; 1 Oct 1975–31 Jul 1977; 1 Jul–17 Sep 1992 and 23 Jul 1993–30 Jun 1994.

Emblem

Vert, a lightning flash bendwise sinister throughout Or surmounted by a knight's helmet Sable, garnished Silver Gray and plumed Argent; all within a diminished bordure Yellow. Approved on 28 Feb 1995; replaced emblems approved on 23 May 1990 (DFSC 91–03037) and 23 Jul 1954 (K 8564).



50th Airlift Squadron

Constituted 50th Transport Squadron on 30 May 1942. Activated on 15 Jun 1942.
Redesignated 50th Troop Carrier Squadron on 4 Jul 1942. Inactivated on 27 May 1946.
Redesignated 50th Troop Carrier Squadron, Medium, on 20 Sep 1949. Activated on 17 Oct 1949. Redesignated: 50th Troop Carrier Squadron on 1 Jan 1967; 50th Tactical Airlift Squadron on 1 Aug 1967; 50th Airlift Squadron on 1 Dec 1991.

Assignments

314th Transport (later, 314th Troop Carrier) Group, 15 Jun 1942–27 May 1946. 314th Troop Carrier Group, 17 Oct 1949; 314th Troop Carrier Wing, 8 Oct 1957 (attached to 315th Air Division, 11 Sep–c. 16 Dec 1958; 322d Air Division, 27 Mar–c. 15 Aug 1961; Unkn, May–Jul 1965); 315th Air Division, 26 Dec 1965; 314th Troop Carrier (later, 314th Tactical Airlift) Wing, 23 Feb 1966; 374th Tactical Airlift Wing, 31 May 1971; 314th Tactical Airlift Wing, 15 Aug 1973 (attached to 322d Tactical Airlift Wing, 1 Jun–18 Aug 1974; 374th Tactical Airlift Wing, 28 Apr–6 Jun 1975; 435th Tactical Airlift Wing, 6 Dec 1975–12 Feb 1976; 513th Tactical Airlift Wing, 7 Sep–11 Nov 1976; 435th Tactical Airlift Wing, 6 Apr–9 Jun 1977; 513th Tactical Airlift Wing, 14 Jan–14 Mar 1978); 314th Tactical Airlift Group, 1 Nov 1978 (attached to 513th Tactical Airlift Wing, 6 Aug–8 Oct 1979); 314th Tactical Airlift Wing, 15 Jun 1980 (attached to 313th Tactical Airlift Group, 5 Dec 1980–12 Feb 1981, 5 Jun–14 Aug 1982, 4 Oct–14 Dec 1983, 2 Jun–14 Aug 1985, 3 Aug–16 Oct 1986, 5 Oct–16 Dec 1987, 3 Dec 1988–15 Feb 1989); 314th Operations Group, 1 Dec 1991–.

Stations

Drew Field, FL, 15 Jun 1942; Bowman Field, KY, 24 Jun 1942; Sedalia AAFld, MO, 4 Nov 1942; Lawson Field, GA, 22 Feb–3 May 1943; Berguent, French Morocco, 21 May 1943; Kairouan, Tunisia, 26 Jun 1943; Castelvetrano, Sicily, 2 Sep 1943–16 Feb 1944; Saltby, England, 6 Mar 1944; Poix, France, 5 Mar 1945; Villacoublay, France, c. 1 Dec 1945–15 Feb 1946; Bolling Field, DC, 15 Feb–27 May 1946. Smyrna (later, Sewart) AFB, TN, 17 Oct 1949–27 Aug 1950; Ashiya AB, Japan, 4 Sep 1950–15 Nov 1954 (operated from Clark AFB, Philippines, 26 Jun–5 Sep 1954); Sewart, AFB, TN, 15 Nov 1954–c. 26 Dec 1965 (deployed at Clark AB, Philippines, 29 Aug–c. 20 Dec 1958 and May–Jul 1965; Evreux, France, 27 Mar–c. 15 Aug 1961); Clark AB, Philippines, c. 26 Dec 1965; Kung Kuan (later, Ching Chuan Kang) AB, Taiwan, 28 Jan 1966–15 Aug 1973; Little Rock AFB, AR, 15 Aug 1973–(deployed at Rhein-Main AB, Germany, 1 Jun–18 Aug 1974, 3 Dec 1975–8 Feb 1976 and 4 Apr–14 Jun 1977; Clark AB, Philippines, 25 Apr–7 Jun 1975, RAF Mildenhall, England, 4 Sep–13 Nov 1976, 14 Jan–14 Mar 1978, 6 Aug–8 Oct 1979, 5 Dec 1980–12 Feb 1981, 5 Jun–14 Aug 1982, 4 Oct–14 Dec 1983, 2 Jun–14 Aug 1985, 3 Aug–16 Oct 1986, 5 Oct–16 Dec 1987, 3 Dec 1988–15 Feb 1989).

Aircraft

C–47, 1942–1945; CG–4, 1943–1945; L–4, 1945. C–82, 1949–1950; G–15, 1949–1950; YG–18, 1949–1950; C–119, 1949–1957; C–130, 1957–.

Operations

Included airborne assaults on Sicily, Normandy, Holland, and Germany, as well as aerial transportation in MTO and ETO, during World War II. Included airborne assaults on Sukchon/ Sunchon and Munsan-ni, as well as aerial transportation between Japan and Korea, during Korean War. Aircrews frequently flew combat support missions in Southeast Asia, 1966–1973. Four aircrews participated in the rescue of the SS *Mayaguez*, dropping a 15,000-pound bomb on Koh Tang Island, 14 May 1975. Deployed personnel and aircraft in support of operations in Panama, Dec 1989, and Southwest Asia, 16 Aug 1990–27 Mar 1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Rome-Arno; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Central Europe. Korea: UN Defensive; UN Offensive; CCF Intervention; First UN Counteroffensive; CCF Spring Offensive; UN Summer-Fall Offensive; Second Korean Winter; Korea Summer-Fall, 1952; Third Korean Winter; Korea, Summer 1953. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Panama, 1989–1990.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Sicily, 11 Jul 1943; France, [6–7] Jun 1944; Korea, 28 Nov–10 Dec 1950. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat “V” Device: 1 Nov 1967–31 Dec 1969; 12 Feb–17 May 1975. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 6 May 1953–10 Sep 1954; 11 Jan–14 Feb 1955; 1 Jan 1960–31 Dec 1961; 1 Sep 1962–15 Apr 1963; 1 Jan 1975–30 Jun 1976; 1 Jun 1985–31 May 1986. Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation: 1 Jul 1951–27 Jul 1953. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 1 Apr 1966–28 Jan 1973. Philippine Republic Presidential Unit Citation: 21 Jul–15 Aug 1972.

Emblem

Celeste, gridlined as a globe with axis bendwise sinister Azure, a stylized devil's head coupé affronté Gules with eyes and mouth of the first, garnished and fimbriated Sable; all within a diminished inner bordure of the last and outer bordure Or. *MOTTO*: TRANSPORTATEM CERTE IN CAELO—Air Transportation Assured. Approved on 12 Dec 1994, replacing emblems approved on 16 Apr 1957 (4970 A.C.), and 13 Feb 1952 (43542 A.C.).



50th Flying Training Squadron

Constituted 50th Pursuit Squadron (Fighter) on 20 Nov 1940. Activated on 15 Jan 1941. Redesignated: 50th Fighter Squadron (Twin Engine) on 15 May 1942; 50th Fighter Squadron, Two Engine, on 28 Feb 1944. Disbanded on 9 Aug 1944. Reconstituted, and redesignated 50th Fighter Squadron (All Weather), on 23 May 1947. Activated in the Reserve on 12 Jun 1947. Inactivated on 27 Jun 1949. Redesignated 50th Flying Training Squadron on 22 Mar 1972. Activated on 1 Jun 1972.

Assignments

14th Pursuit (later, 14th Fighter) Group, 15 Jan 1941; 342d Composite Group, 14 Nov 1942; Eighth Air Force, Feb–9 Aug 1944 (attached to 8th [later, 802d] Reconnaissance Group [Prov], Mar–9 Aug 1944). Second Air Force, 12 Jun 1947; 381st Bombardment Group, 30 Sep 1947–27 Jun 1949. 14th Flying Training Wing, 1 Jun 1972; 14th Operations Group, 15 Dec 1991–.

Stations

Hamilton Field, CA, 15 Jan 1941; March Field, CA, 10 Jun 1941; Oakland, CA, 8 Feb 1942; Hamilton Field, CA, 9 May–16 Jul 1942; Atcham, England, 18 Aug 1942 (operated in Iceland, 18 Aug–14 Nov 1942); Iceland, 14 Nov 1942; Nuthampstead, England, Feb 1944; Cheddington, England, c. 15 Mar 1944; Watton, England, 12 Apr–9 Aug 1944. Offutt Field (later, AFB), NE, 12 Jun 1947–27 Jun 1949. Columbus AFB, MS, 1 Jun 1972–.

Aircraft

P–40, 1941–1942; P–38, 1942–1944. AT–6, 1947–1949. T–38, 1972–.

Operations

Patrols on the west coast, Feb–Jun 1942. Air defense of Iceland, Aug 1942–Feb 1944. Not operational, Feb–Aug 1944. Undergraduate pilot training, 1 Jun 1972–.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jan 1974–31 Dec 1974; 1 Apr 1985–31 Mar 1987; 1 Jul 1992–30 Jun 1994.

Emblem

Azure, a cloud Argent supporting a rattlesnake coiled Or marked Sable, mouth, tongue and eye Gules, winged of the like, garnished of the second; from its open mouth four flight symbols ascending bendwise in bend each per chevron Red and Yellow; all within a diminished bordure of the third. Approved on 1 Apr 1942 (K 2816).



52d Airlift Squadron

Constituted 52d Transport Squadron on 30 May 1942. Activated on 15 Jun 1942. Redesignated 52d Troop Carrier Squadron on 4 Jul 1942. Disbanded on 14 Apr 1944. Reconstituted, and redesignated 52d Troop Carrier Squadron, Medium, on 10 May 1949. Activated in the Reserve on 27 Jun 1949. Ordered to active service on 1 May 1951. Inactivated on 9 May 1951. Redesignated 52d Troop Carrier Squadron, Heavy, on 19 Mar 1953. Activated on 20 Jun 1953. Redesignated 52d Military Airlift Squadron on 8 Jan 1966. Inactivated on 8 Feb 1969. Activated on 1 Jun 1988. Redesignated 52d Airlift Squadron on 1 Jan 1992. Inactivated on 30 Sep 1992. Activated on 1 May 1994.

Assignments

63d Transport (later, 63d Troop Carrier) Group, 15 Jun 1942–14 Apr 1944. 63d Troop Carrier Group, 27 Jun 1949–9 May 1951. 63d Troop Carrier Group, 20 Jun 1953 (attached for operational control to 322d Air Division, c. 29 Jan–c. 1 Aug 1960 and c. Jan 1962–); 63d Troop Carrier (later, 63d Military Airlift) Wing, 18 Jan 1963 (remained under operational control of 322d Air Division); 436th Military Airlift Wing, 8 Jan 1967–8 Feb 1969 (remained under operational control of 322d Air Division, to 8 Feb 1969). 63d Military Airlift Wing, 1 Jun 1988; 63d Operations Group, 1 Jan–30 Sep 1992. 347th Operations Group, 1 May 1994–.

Stations

Camp Williams, WI, 15 Jun 1942; Dodd Field, TX, 17 Sep 1942; Stuttgart, AR, 18 Nov 1942; Victorville, CA, 25 Dec 1942; Lawson Field, GA, 5 May 1943; Grenada AAFld, MS, 3 Jun 1943; Sedalia AAFld, MO, c. 19 Jan–14 Apr 1944. Floyd Bennett NAS, NY, 27 Jun 1949–9 May 1951. Altus AFB, OK, 20 Jun 1953; Donaldson AFB, SC, 15 Oct 1953 (operated from Rhein-Main AB, Germany, 29 Jan–c. 1 Aug 1960 and c. Jan 1962–); Hunter AFB, GA, 30 Jun 1963 (continued to operate from Rhein-Main AB, Germany); Dover AFB, DE, 8 Jan 1967–8 Feb 1969 (continued to operate from Rhein-Main AB, Germany, to 8 Feb 1969). Norton AFB, CA, 1 Jun 1988–30 Sep 1992. Moody AFB, GA, 1 May 1994–.

Aircraft

DC–3, 1942; C–39, 1942; C–53, 1942–1943; C–47, 1942–1944. T–6, 1949–1950; T–7, 1949–1951; T–11, 1949–1951; C–47, 1949–1951. C–124, 1953–1969. C–141, 1988–1992.

Operations

Replacement training, 1943–1944. Worldwide Airlift, 1953–1969. Supported Project Deep Freeze in the Antarctic, 1956–1958. Worldwide airlift, 1988–1992, including airdrop of troops and equipment in Operation JUST CAUSE in Panama on 20 Dec 1989.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Panama, 1989–1990.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 2 Mar–31 May 1955; 1 Jul 1957–10 Dec 1962; 2 Oct–12 Nov 1958; 8 Jul–1 Aug 1960; 1 Sep 1962–15 Apr 1963; 20–28 Nov 1964; 1 May–13 Jun 1967; 13 Nov–18 Dec 1967; 1 Jan 1990–30 Apr 1991. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 1 Apr 1966–8 Feb 1969.

Emblem

On a White disc, bordered Green, a kangaroo proper, wearing Black boxing gloves on forepaws, carrying three young kangaroos in pouch, wearing Green helmets and carrying a Black gun with fixed bayonet, revolver, and “tommy” gun respectively from right to left. Approved on 14 May 1943 (DFSC 88–08491).



52d Flying Training Squadron

Constituted 52d Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 22 Dec 1939. Activated on 1 Feb 1940. Redesignated 52d Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, on 28 Mar 1944. Inactivated on 1 Apr 1944. Activated on 1 Apr 1944. Inactivated on 20 May 1946. Redesignated 52d Flying Training Squadron on 22 Mar 1972. Activated on 1 Jul 1972. Inactivated on 30 Sep 1977. Activated on 11 May 1990.

Assignments

29th Bombardment Group, 1 Feb 1940–1 Apr 1944. 29th Bombardment Group, 1 Apr 1944–20 May 1946. 29th Flying Training Wing, 1 Jul 1972–30 Sep 1977. 64th Flying Training Wing, 11 May 1990; 64th Operations Group, 15 Dec 1991–.

Stations

Langley Field, VA, 1 Feb 1940; MacDill Field, FL, 21 May 1940; Gowen Field, ID, 25 Jun 1942–1 Apr 1944. Pratt AAFld, KS, 1 Apr–c. 6 Dec 1944; North Field, Guam, 17 Jan 1945–20 May 1946. Craig AFB, AL, 1 Jul 1972–30 Sep 1977. Reese AFB, TX, 11 May 1990–.

Aircraft

B–18, 1940–1941; B–17, 1940–1943; B–24, 1943–1944. B–17, 1944; B–29, 1944–1946. T–38, 1972–1977. T–38, 1990–1992; T–1, 1992–.

Operations

Antisubmarine patrols, Jan–Jun 1942. Operational and later replacement training unit, 1942–1944. Combat in western Pacific, c. 16 Feb–15 Aug 1945. Undergraduate pilot training, 1972–1977 and 1990–.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater; Air Offensive, Japan; Western Pacific.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Japan, 31 Mar 1945; Japan, 19–26 Jun 1945. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jan–31 Dec 1973; 1 Jan 1976–28 Feb 1977.

Emblem

On a White disc edged in Black a Brown alligator with tail raised and holding a Black bomb sparked at the fuse. Approved on 18 Apr 1942 (K 2669) and reinstated in Jun 1994; replaced emblem approved c. Jun 1990 (DFSC 91–03023).



53d Airlift Squadron

Constituted 53d Transport Squadron on 30 May 1942. Activated on 1 Jun 1942.

Redesignated 53d Troop Carrier Squadron on 4 Jul 1942. Inactivated on 31 Jul 1945.

Activated on 30 Sep 1946. Redesignated: 53d Troop Carrier Squadron, Medium, on 1 Jul 1948; 53d Troop Carrier Squadron, Heavy, on 15 Aug 1948; 53d Military Airlift Squadron on 8 Jan 1966. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 8 Jul 1966. Activated on 8 Jan 1972.

Redesignated 53d Airlift Squadron on 1 Jan 1992. Inactivated on 30 Apr 1993. Activated on 1 Oct 1993.

Assignments

61st Transport (later, 61st Troop Carrier) Group, 1 Jun 1942–31 Jul 1945.
61st Troop Carrier Group, 30 Sep 1946 (attached to the Airlift Task Force, Provisional, Aug 1958–Feb 1959, Feb–Jul 1960, and 5 Jan 1961–Apr 1962);
63d Troop Carrier Group, 8 Oct 1959; 63d Troop Carrier (later, 63d Military Airlift) Wing, 18 Jan 1963–8 Jul 1966. 63d Military Airlift Wing, 8 Jan 1972;
63d Military Airlift Group, 1 Oct 1978; 63d Military Airlift Wing, 1 Jul 1980;
63d Operations Group, 1 Jan 1992–30 Apr 1993. 314th Operations Group, 1 Oct 1993–.

Stations

Pope Field, NC, 1 Jun 1942–3 May 1943; Lourmel, Algeria, 15 May 1943;
Kairouan, Tunisia, Jun 1943; Licata, Sicily, 6 Aug 1943; Sciacca, Sicily, 6 Oct 1943–12 Feb 1944; Barkston, England, 18 Feb 1944; Abbeville, France, 13 Mar–18 May 1945; Waller Field, Trinidad, 29 May–31 Jul 1945. Orly Field, France, 30 Sep 1946; Eschborn AB, Germany, 14 Dec 1946; Rhein-Main AB, Germany, 8 Aug 1947; Templehof AB, Germany, 20 Jan 1948; Rhein-Main AB, Germany, 22 Apr 1948–21 Jul 1950; McChord AFB, WA, 26 Jul–12 Dec 1950; Ashiya AB, Japan, 13 Dec 1950; Johnson AB, Japan, 13 Sep–18 Nov 1952; Larson AFB, WA, 21 Nov 1952; Donaldson AFB, SC, 21 Aug 1954 (deployed at Rhein-Main AB, Germany, Aug 1958–Feb 1959, Feb–Jul 1960, and 5 Jan 1961–Apr 1962); Hunter AFB, GA, 1 Apr 1963–8 Jul 1966. Norton AFB, CA, 8 Jan 1972–30 Apr 1993. Little Rock AFB, AR, 1 Oct 1993–.

Aircraft

C–47, 1942–1945. C–47, 1946–1948; C–54, 1948–1952; C–124, 1952–1966. C–141, 1972–1993.

Operations

World War II: Included airborne assaults on Sicily, Normandy, Holland, and Germany; aerial transportation in MTO and ETO. Berlin Airlift, 1948–1949.
Korean War: Aerial transportation from US to Japan, Aug–Dec 1950, and between Japan and Korea, 13 Dec 1950–Nov 1952. Airlift, 1953–1966, including resupply to the Antarctic, (Project Deep Freeze), 1957–1958, and missions to Southeast Asia during the conflict in Vietnam. Worldwide airlift, 1972–1993, into Grenada, 23 Oct–9 Nov 1983, during the invasion of Panama, 20 Dec 1989, and to Southwest Asia, Aug 1990–Jun 1991.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Central Europe. Korea: CCF Intervention; First UN Counteroffensive; CCF Spring Offensive; UN Summer-Fall Offensive; Second Korean Winter; Korea Summer-Fall, 1952.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Panama, 1989–1990.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Sicily, 11 Jul 1943; France, [6–7] Jun 1944; Korea, 13 Dec 1950–21 Apr 1951. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1957–10 Dec 1962; 1 Jun 1978–31 May 1980; 1 Jan–31 Dec 1983; 1 Jan–31 Dec 1987; 1 Jan 1990–30 Apr 1991. Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation: 1 Jul 1951–18 Nov 1952. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 1 Apr 1966–[8 Jul 1966].

Emblem

Azure the Jack of Spades playing card bendwise sinister surmounting another card bendwise proper, all within a diminished bordure Or. *MOTTO*: PRIMUS CUM PLURIMI—First with the Most. Approved on 10 Sep 1953 (47560 A.C.) and slightly modified on 9 Dec 1994.



53d Fighter Squadron

Constituted 53d Pursuit Squadron (Fighter) on 22 Nov 1940. Activated on 1 Jan 1941. Redesignated: 53d Fighter Squadron, (Twin Engine) on 15 May 1942; 53d Fighter Squadron on 28 Sep 1942; 53d Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 20 Aug 1943. Inactivated on 31 Mar 1946. Activated on 15 Oct 1946. Redesignated: 53d Fighter Squadron, Jet Propelled, on 27 Oct 1947; 53d Fighter Squadron, Jet, on 17 Jun 1948; 53d Fighter-Bomber Squadron on 20 Jan 1950; 53d Fighter-Day Squadron on 9 Aug 1954; 53d Tactical Fighter Squadron on 8 Jul 1958; 53d Fighter Squadron on 1 Oct 1991.

Assignments

32d Pursuit (later, 32d Fighter) Group, 1 Jan 1941; 36th Fighter Group, 23 Jun 1943–31 Mar 1946. 36th Fighter (later, 36th Fighter-Bomber; 36th Fighter-Day) Group, 15 Oct 1946 (attached to 36th Fighter-Day Wing, 1 Oct 1956–7 Dec 1957); 36th Fighter-Day (later, 36th Tactical Fighter; 36th Fighter) Wing, 8 Dec 1957 (attached to Tactical Fighter Wing Provisional, 4, 20 Dec 1990–20 Mar 1991; Tactical Fighter Wing Provisional, 4404, 20 Mar 1991–1 Jul 1991); 36th Operations Group, 31 Mar 1992; 52d Operations Group, 25 Feb 1994–.

Stations

Rio Hato, Panama, 1 Jan 1941; Albrook Field, CZ, 1 Jan 1941; Rio Hato, Panama, c. 21 Aug 1941; France Field, CZ, c. 12 Dec 1941; Chorrera, Panama, 7 Jan–8 Jun 1943; Charleston AAFld, SC, 23 Jun 1943; Biggs Field, TX, c. 15 Sep 1943; Ainsworth AAFld, NE, 23 Nov 1943–11 Mar 1944; Kingsnorth, England, 5 Apr 1944; Brucheville, France, c. 7 Jul 1944; Le Mans, France, c. 29 Aug 1944; Athis, France, c. 23 Sep 1944; Juvincourt, France, 5 Oct 1944; Le Culot, Belgium, c. 23 Oct 1944; Aachen, Germany, 28 Mar 1945; Niedermennig, Germany, 8 Apr 1945; Kassel/Rothwesten, Germany, 20 Apr 1945–15 Feb 1946; Bolling Field, DC, 15 Feb–31 Mar 1946. France Field, CZ, 15 Oct 1946; Howard Field (later, AFB), CZ, 1 Dec 1947–21 Jul 1948; Furstenfeldbruck AB, Germany, c. 13 Aug 1948; Bitburg AB, Germany, 22 Jul 1952; Landstuhl (later, Ramstein) AB, Germany, 17 Dec 1956; Bitburg AB, Germany, 3 Oct 1961 (deployed at Al Kharj AB, Saudi Arabia, 20 Dec 1990–1 Jul 1991); Spangdahlem AB, Germany, 1 Feb 1994–.

Aircraft

P–26, 1941; P–36, 1941–1942; P–40, 1942–1943; P–47, 1943–1946. P–47, 1946–1947; P(later, F–)80, 1947–1950; F–84, 1950–1953; F–86, 1953–1956; F–100, 1956–1961; F–105, 1961–1966; F–4, 1966–1977; F–15, 1977–.

Operations

Air defense for the Panama Canal until Jun 1943. Combat in ETO, 8 May 1944–8 May 1945. Combat in Southwest Asia, Jan–Feb 1991.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: France, 1 Sep 1944; Germany, 12 Apr 1945. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: May 1956–May 1958; 1 Jan–31 Dec 1968; 1 Dec 1973–30 Apr 1975; 1 Jul 1975–30 Jun 1977; 1 Jul 1977–30 Jun 1979; 1 Jul 1986–30 Jun 1988; 1 Jul 1988–30 Jun 1990; 1 Sep 1990–31 Jul 1991. Cited in the Order of the Day, Belgian Army: 1 Oct 1944–17 Dec 1944; 18 Dec 1944–15 Jan 1945. Belgian Fourragere.

Emblem

On a Light Grayed Blue Violet disc, thin border Red, piped White, a caricatured, pugnacious tiger proper, strutting on hind legs, wearing a Dark Red turtleneck sweater, a Black and White derby hat, and a pair of White boxing gloves on the forelegs, emitting White speed lines to the rear. COPYRIGHT—Walt Disney. Approved on 28 Oct 1943 (44687 A.C.).



54th Fighter Squadron

Constituted 54th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) on 20 Nov 1940. Activated on 15 Jan 1941. Redesignated: 54th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) (Twin Engine) on 31 Jan 1942; 54th Fighter Squadron (Twin Engine) on 15 May 1942; 54th Fighter Squadron, Two Engine, on 20 Aug 1943. Inactivated on 21 Mar 1946. Redesignated 54th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron on 10 Oct 1952. Activated on 1 Dec 1952. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 25 Dec 1960. Redesignated 54th Tactical Fighter Squadron on 13 Jan 1987. Activated on 8 May 1987. Redesignated 54th Fighter Squadron on 26 Sep 1991.

Assignments

55th Pursuit (later, 55th Fighter) Group, 15 Jan 1941 (attached to XI Fighter Command, 31 May–11 Sep 1941); 343d Fighter Group, 11 Sep 1942–21 Mar 1946. 31st Air Division, 1 Dec 1952; 29th Air Division, 16 Feb 1953–25 Dec 1960. 21st Tactical Fighter Wing, 8 May 1987; 21st Operations Group, 26 Sep 1991; 3d Operations Group, 19 Dec 1991–.

Stations

Hamilton Field, CA, 15 Jan 1941; Portland AB, OR, 22 May 1941; Paine Field, WA, 22 Jan–25 May 1942; Elmendorf Field, AK, 31 May–c. 24 Aug 1942 (detachments at Ft Randall, AK, c. 6 Jun–c. 31 Jul 1942, and at Ft Glenn, AK, c. 6 Jun–c. 19 Sep 1942); Adak, c. 31 Aug 1942; Amchitka, 12 Mar 1943; Shemya, c. 18 Oct 1943; Attu, c. 20 Nov 1943–8 Mar 1946; Ft Lawton, WA, 20–21 Mar 1946. Rapid City (later, Ellsworth) AFB, SD, 1 Dec 1952–25 Dec 1960. Elmendorf AFB, AK, 8 May 1987–.

Aircraft

P–36, 1941–1942; P–40, 1941–1942; P–43, 1941–1942; F–5, 1943; P–38, 1942–1946. F–51, 1952–1953; F–84, 1953–1954; F–86, 1954–1957; F–89, 1957–1960. F–15, 1987–.

Operations

Defense of Alaska during World War II. Air defense of North Central US, 1952–1960. Air defense of Alaska, 1987–.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Aleutian Islands; Air Combat, Asiatic-Pacific Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award: [8 May] 1987–31 Dec 1988.

Emblem

On a Black disc, a Yellow leopard head affronte detailed Black and White with Scarlet eyes, nose, and tongue, above and between its front paws Yellow detailed Black with Scarlet claws; all within a narrow White inner border

within a narrow Blue outer border. *MOTTO*: ALASKA'S FIRST GUARDIANS. Approved on 4 Apr 1989, replacing emblems approved on 3 Jun 1988, 4 Jun 1987, and 2 Sep 1943 (46293 A.C.).



54th Flying Training Squadron

Constituted 54th Transport Squadron on 30 May 1942. Activated on 1 Jun 1942.

Redesignated: 54th Troop Carrier Squadron on 4 Jul 1942; 54th Troop Carrier Squadron, Heavy, on 20 Jul 1948. Inactivated on 5 Mar 1949. Activated on 20 Sep 1949.

Discontinued, and inactivated, on 25 Jun 1965. Redesignated 54th Flying Training Squadron on 14 Apr 1972. Activated on 1 Oct 1972.

Assignments

64th Transport Group, 1 Jun 1942; 315th Transport (later, 315th Troop Carrier) Group, 11 Jun 1942; Fourth Air Force, 23 Oct 1942; XI Air Force Service Command, 15 Nov 1942 (attached to Troop Carrier Group [Prov], 1 Jul 1943–18 Feb 1944); Eleventh Air Force (later, Alaskan Air Command), 10 Oct 1944–5 Mar 1949 (attached to United States Air Forces in Europe, 2–29 Jul 1948; Airlift Task Force [Prov], 29 Jul–30 Nov 1948). Alaskan Air Command (attached to 57th Fighter Wing), 20 Sep 1949; 5039th Air Transport Group, 1 Jan 1951; Eighteenth Air Force, 23 Jul 1956 (attached to 63d Troop Carrier Group, 23 Jul 1956–); 63d Troop Carrier Wing, 1 Jul 1957 (remained attached to 63d Troop Carrier Group through 7 Oct 1959); 63d Troop Carrier Group, 8 Oct 1959 (attached to 322d Air Division, Feb–c. 19 Aug 1959); 63d Troop Carrier Wing, 18 Jan 1963–25 Jun 1965. 64th Flying Training Wing, 1 Oct 1972; 64th Operations Group, 15 Dec 1991–.

Stations

Hamilton Field, CA, 1 Jun 1942; Bowman Field, KY, c. 19 Jun 1942; Florence, SC, 3 Aug–17 Oct 1942; Elmendorf Field, AK, 15 Nov 1942–5 Mar 1949 (detachment operated from Rhein-Main AB, Germany, 2 Jul–26 Sep 1948, and Fassberg RAF Station, Germany, 26 Sep–30 Nov 1948). Elmendorf AFB, AK, 20 Sep 1949; Donaldson AFB, SC, 23 Jul 1956 (deployed at Rhein-Main AB, Germany, Feb–c. 19 Aug 1959); Hunter AFB, GA, 1 Apr 1963–25 Jun 1965. Reese AFB, TX, 1 Oct 1972–.

Aircraft

C–60, 1942–1944; C–47, 1942–1949; C–54, 1946–1949; C–82, 1949. C–54, 1949–1952; C–82, 1951–1952; C–124, 1952–1965. T–38, 1972–.

Operations

Aerial transportation in Alaska during World War II. Berlin airlift, Jul–Nov 1948. Theater and global airlift, 1949–1965. Undergraduate pilot training, 1972–.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Aleutian Islands; Air Combat, Asiatic-Pacific Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1957–10 Dec 1962; 1 Jan 1973–31 Dec 1974; 30 Apr 1981–29 Apr 1983; 1 Apr 1984–31 Mar 1986; 1 Apr 1988–31 Mar 1990.

Emblem

Per bend Azure and Gules, an eagle soaring bendwise Argent between, In chief, two mullets White bendwise and in base three mullets arched bendwise of the like; all within a diminished bordure Or. Approved on 20 Feb 1973 (KE 51060) and modified on 6 Jun 1995; replaced emblem approved on 6 Apr 1944 (28658 A.C.).



55th Air Refueling Squadron

Constituted 755th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 19 May 1943. Activated on 1 Jul 1943. Redesignated: 755th Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, on 20 Aug 1943; 755th Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, on 5 Aug 1945. Inactivated on 17 Oct 1945. Consolidated (19 Sep 1985) with the 55th Air Refueling Squadron, Medium, which was constituted on 22 Nov 1950. Activated on 1 Nov 1950. Inactivated on 18 Feb 1954. Activated on 1 Oct 1955. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 15 Mar 1963. Redesignated: 55th Air Refueling Squadron, Heavy, on 19 Sep 1985; 55th Air Refueling Squadron on 31 May 1994. Activated on 28 Oct 1994.

Assignments

458th Bombardment Group, 1 Jul 1943–17 Oct 1945. 55th Strategic Reconnaissance Group, 1 Nov 1950 (attached to 55th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, 8 Jan 1951–15 Jun 1952); 55th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, 16 Jun 1952–18 Feb 1954. 55th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, 1 Oct 1955–15 Mar 1963 (attached to Eighth Air Force, 31 Oct–27 Dec 1956). 97th Operations Group, 28 Oct 1994–.

Stations

Wendover Field, UT, 1 Jul 1943; Gowen Field, ID, 28 Jul 1943; Kearns, UT, 10 Sep 1943; Wendover Field, UT, 15 Sep 1943; Tonopah AAFld, NV, 4 Nov 1943–1 Jan 1944; Horsham St Faith, England, 1 Feb 1944–3 Jul 1945; Sioux Falls AAFld, SD, 15 Jul 1945; Walker AAFld, KS, 25 Jul 1945; March Field, CA, 22 Aug–17 Oct 1945. Ramey AFB, Puerto Rico, 1 Nov 1950–9 Oct 1952; Forbes AFB, KS, 10 Oct 1952; Lincoln AFB, NE, 16–18 Feb 1954. Forbes AFB, KS, 1 Oct 1955–15 Mar 1963 (deployed at Ernest Harmon AB, Newfoundland, 31 Oct–27 Dec 1956). Altus AFB, OK, 28 Oct 1994–.

Aircraft

B–24, 1943–1945; B–29, 1945. KB–29, 1950–1954. KC–97, 1955–1963.

Operations

Combat in ETO, 24 Feb 1944–25 Apr 1945. Air refueling operations, 1950–1954 and 1955–1963.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award: Jul 1956–Nov 1957.

Emblem

Azure two swords saltirewise Argent gripped Gold Brown below in chief a mullet of four saltirewise White superimposed by a mullet Or voided at the

shading of the field; all within a diminished bordure Yellow. *MOTTO*: MASTERS OF THE ART. Approved on 13 Apr 1995; replaced emblem approved on 20 Mar 1945 (K 3216).



55th Fighter Squadron

Organized as 55th Aero Squadron on 9 Aug 1917. Redesignated 467th Aero Squadron on 1 Feb 1918. Demobilized on 16 Mar 1919. Reconstituted, and redesignated 55th Pursuit Squadron, on 24 Mar 1923. Activated on 15 Nov 1930. Redesignated: 55th Pursuit Squadron (Fighter) on 6 Dec 1939; 55th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) on 12 Mar 1941; 55th Fighter Squadron on 15 May 1942; 55th Fighter Squadron (Twin Engine) on 30 Dec 1942; 55th Fighter Squadron, Twin Engine, on 20 Aug 1943; 55th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 5 Sep 1944. Inactivated on 18 Oct 1945. Activated on 29 Jul 1946. Redesignated: 55th Fighter Squadron, Jet, on 15 Jun 1948; 55th Fighter-Bomber Squadron on 20 Jan 1950; 55th Tactical Fighter Squadron on 8 Jul 1958; 55th Fighter Squadron on 1 Oct 1991. Inactivated on 30 Dec 1993. Activated on 1 Jan 1994.

Assignments

Unkn, 9 Aug–Nov 1917; Third Aviation Instruction Center, Nov 1917; Aerial Gunnery School, May 1918; 2d Air Depot, Nov 1918–Feb 1919; unkn, Feb–16 Mar 1919. 2d Bombardment Wing (attached to 20th Pursuit Group), 15 Nov 1930; 8th Pursuit Group (attached to 20th Pursuit Group), 1 Apr 1931; 20th Pursuit (later, 20th Fighter) Group, 15 Jun 1932–18 Oct 1945. 20th Fighter (later, 20th Fighter-Bomber) Group, 29 Jul 1946 (attached to 20th Fighter-Bomber Wing, 15 Nov 1952–7 Feb 1955); 20th Fighter-Bomber (later, 20th Tactical Fighter) Wing, 8 Feb 1955 (attached to 39th Tactical Fighter Group, 31 Aug–23 Oct 1990); 20th Operations Group, 31 Mar 1992–30 Dec 1993. 20th Operations Group, 1 Jan 1994–.

Stations

Kelly Field, TX, 9 Aug 1917; Hazelhurst Field, NY, 21 Sep–13 Oct 1917; Issoudun, France, 4 Nov 1917; St Jean-de-Monts, France, 16 May 1918; Latrency, France, 6 Nov 1918–c. 8 Feb 1919; Garden City, NY, c. 4–16 Mar 1919. Mather Field, CA, 15 Nov 1930; Barksdale Field, LA, 31 Oct 1932; Moffett Field, CA, 19 Nov 1939; Hamilton Field, CA, 9 Sep 1940; Wilmington, NC, c. 22 Feb 1942; Morris Field, NC, 23 Apr 1942; Drew Field, FL, 7 Aug 1942; Paine Field, WA, 30 Sep 1942; March Field, CA, c. 1 Jan–11 Aug 1943; Wittering, England, c. 27 Aug 1943; Kings Cliffe, England, Apr 1944–11 Oct 1945; Camp Kilmer, NJ, 16–18 Oct 1945. Biggs Field, TX, 29 Jul 1946; Shaw Field (later, AFB), SC, c. 25 Oct 1946; Langley AFB, VA, 19 Nov 1951–22 May 1952; Wethersfield, England, 1 Jun 1952; Sculthorpe, England, 9 Aug 1955; Wethersfield, England, 27 Apr 1956; RAF Upper Heyford, England, c. 1 Jun 1970–30 Dec 1993 (deployed at Incirlik AB, Turkey, 31 Aug–23 Oct 1990). Shaw AFB, SC, 1 Jan 1994–.

Aircraft

In addition to P–12, 1930–1935; included DH–4 during 1931; P–26, 1934–1938; P–36, 1938–1940; P–40, 1940–1942; P–39, 1942–1943; P–38, 1943–1944; P–51, 1944–1945. P–51, 1946–1948; F–84, 1948–1957; F–100, 1957–1971; F–111, 1971–.

Operations

Constructed and maintained facilities (after 6 Nov 1918 in Zone of Advance), Nov 1917–c. Dec 1918. Provided personnel for and helped train new units, 1940–1942. Combat in ETO, 28 Dec 1943–25 Apr 1945. Provided some aircrews for combat in Southwest Asia, Feb 1991.

Service Streamers

World War I Theater of Operations. World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: Central Germany, 8 Apr 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1956–30 Sep 1957; 1 May 1963–31 Dec 1964; 1 Jan 1965–31 Mar 1966; 1 Jul 1968–31 Mar 1970; 1 Sep 1970–30 Jun 1972; 31 Mar 1973–30 Jun 1974; 1 Jul 1977–30 Jun 1979; 1 Jul 1981–30 Jun 1983; 1 Jul 1987–30 Jun 1989; 1 Jul 1990–30 Jun 1992.

Emblem

Azure a pair of die each showing five in perspective in fess within the numeral 55 the top bars as stylized wings Argent the dots on die Sable all within a diminished bordure Or. *MOTTO*: FIGHTING FIFTY FIFTH. Adopted c. 1952 and approved in Jul 1991; replaced emblem approved on 4 May 1932 (49004 A.C.).



55th Special Operations Squadron

Constituted 55th Air Rescue Squadron on 17 Oct 1952. Activated on 14 Nov 1952. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 18 Jun 1960. Activated on 10 May 1961. Organized on 18 Jun 1961. Redesignated: 55th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron on 8 Jan 1966; 55th Special Operations Squadron on 1 Mar 1988.

Assignments

6th Air Rescue Group, 14 Nov 1952; Air Rescue Service, 18 Feb 1958–18 Jun 1960. Military Air Transport Service, 10 May 1961; Air Rescue (later, Aerospace Rescue and Recovery) Service, 18 Jun 1961; 39th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery (later, 39th Special Operations) Wing, 1 Jan 1970; 1st Special Operations Wing, 18 Apr 1989; 1st Special Operations (later, 16th Operations) Group, 22 Sep 1992–.

Stations

Thule AB, Greenland, 14 Nov 1952; Kindley AFB, Bermuda, 17 Mar–18 Jun 1960. Kindley AFB, Bermuda, 18 Jun 1961; McCoy AFB, FL, 27 Feb 1970; Eglin AFB, FL, 25 Jun 1971; Hurlburt Field, FL, 25 Feb 1993–.

Aircraft

SB–17, 1952–1955; SC–47, 1952–1954; H–19, 1953–1957; SA–16, 1953–1959; YH–21, 1953–1955; SC–54, 1956–1957, 1959–1960; SH–21, 1956–1960. HC–54, 1961–1964; SH–19 (later, HH–19), 1961–1963; HH–43, 1963–1964; HC–97, 1964–1966; HC–130, 1966–1988; HH–53, 1973–1980; H–3, 1980–1982; UH/MH–60, 1982–.

Operations

Trained and performed rescue and recovery missions, 1952–1960. Supported manned spacecraft recovery operations, Jun 1961–Jan 1966. Special operations missions, Mar 1988–. Combat in Panama, 20 Dec 1989–14 Jan 1990, and Southwest Asia, 1 Jan–12 Mar 1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Panama, 1989–1990.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1972–30 Jun 1974; 1 Jul 1976–30 Jun 1978; 20–29 Nov 1978; 1 May 1988–30 Apr 1990; 16 Apr 1992–15 Apr 1994. Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation: 1 Jul 1967–26 Jul 1969. Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation: 5–6 Feb 1986.

Emblem

On a Yellow disc, a Light Blue demisphere issuant from sinister, overall a Black hawk in flight, beak and feet Yellow, eye Light Blue, and to sinister a Yellow polestar; all within a narrow Blue border. *MOTTO*: NIGHT HAWKS. Approved on 12 Dec 1988 (DFSC 89–05809); replaced emblems approved on 12 Dec 1984 (DFSC 85–03149); 12 May 1958 (K 10312) and 28 Sep 1954 (151218 A.C.).



56th Airlift Squadron

Constituted 56th Troop Carrier Squadron on 12 Nov 1942. Activated on 18 Nov 1942. Inactivated on 25 Mar 1946. Activated in the Reserve on 3 Aug 1947. Redesignated 56th Troop Carrier Squadron, Medium, on 27 Jun 1949. Ordered to active service on 15 Oct 1950. Inactivated on 14 Jul 1952. Activated in the Reserve on 14 Jul 1952. Inactivated on 16 Nov 1957. Redesignated 56th Military Airlift Squadron, Training, and activated on 27 Dec 1965. Organized on 8 Jan 1966. Redesignated 56th Airlift Squadron on 27 Aug 1991.

Assignments

375th Troop Carrier Group, 18 Nov 1942–25 Mar 1946. 375th Troop Carrier Group, 3 Aug 1947–14 Jul 1952. 375th Troop Carrier Group, 14 Jul 1952–16 Nov 1957. Military Air Transport Service (later, Military Airlift Command), 27 Dec 1965; 443d Military Airlift (later, 443d Airlift) Wing, 8 Jan 1966; 443d Operations Group, 1 Oct 1991; 97th Operations Group, 1 Oct 1992–.

Stations

Bowman Field, KY, 18 Nov 1942; Sedalia AAFld, MO, 23 Jan 1943; Laurinburg-Maxton AAB, NC, 5 May 1943; Baer Field, IN, 2–17 Jun 1943; Port Moresby, New Guinea, c. 15 Jul 1943; Dobodura, New Guinea, 2 Aug 1943; Port Moresby, New Guinea, 23 Dec 1943; Nadzab, New Guinea, 22 Apr 1944; Biak, 19 Sep 1944; San Jose, Mindoro, 27 Feb 1945; Porac, Luzon, c. 20 May 1945; Okinawa, c. 20 Aug 1945; Tachikawa, Japan, c. 20 Sep 1945–25 Mar 1946. Greater Pittsburgh Aprt, PA, 3 Aug 1947; Greenville AFB, SC, 16 Oct 1950–14 Jul 1952. Pittsburgh, PA, 14 Jul 1952–16 Nov 1957. Tinker AFB, OK, 8 Jan 1966; Altus AFB, OK, 20 Jan 1969–.

Aircraft

C–47, 1942–1945; B–17, 1944; C–46, 1944–1946. C–82, 1950–1952. C–46, 1952–1954; C–119, 1954–1957. C–124, 1966–1968; C–5, 1969–.

Operations

Aerial transportation in Southwest and Western Pacific during World War II; airborne assault on Nadzab, New Guinea, on 5 Sep 1943. Provided training for aircrews in C–124 aircraft, 1966–1968. Provided training and transition flying training for aircrews in C–5 aircraft, 1969–. Supported US forces in Southeast Asia, Apr 1972–Dec 1974.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Japan; New Guinea; Northern Solomons; Bismarck Archipelago; Western Pacific; Leyte; Luzon; Southern Philippines.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Apr 1967–31 Mar 1969; 1 Apr 1970–31 Mar 1972; 1 Jul 1979–30 Jun 1981; 1 Jul 1985–30 Jun 1987. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII).

Emblem

Celeste, within a diminished annulet Or a stylized falcon displayed Azure beaked and eyed of the second, the top of the wings overlapping the annulet, capped with a mortarboard Sable garnished Argent superimposed to dexter base by a second stylized falcon displayed of the last beaked and eyed Yellow; all within a diminished bordure of the third. Approved on 16 Nov 1966 and slightly modified on 12 Jul 1971 (KE 11802). *MOTTO*: SAFETY THROUGH KNOWLEDGE. Approved on 12 Jul 1971.



56th Rescue Squadron

Constituted 56th Air Rescue Squadron on 17 Oct 1952. Activated on 14 Nov 1952. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 18 Mar 1960. Activated on 8 Jul 1972. Redesignated 56th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron on 10 Jul 1972. Inactivated on 15 Oct 1975. Activated on 1 May 1988. Redesignated: 56th Air Rescue Squadron on 1 Jun 1989; 56th Rescue Squadron on 1 Feb 1993.

Assignments

7th Air Rescue Group, 14 Nov 1952 (attached for operational control to 5th Air Division, 14 Nov 1952–28 Feb 1953); 12th Air Rescue Group, 8 Dec 1956; Air Rescue Service, 18 Feb 1958–18 Mar 1960 (attached to Detachment 3, 8th Air Rescue Group [European Rescue Operations Center], 18 Feb 1958–18 Mar 1959 and to Detachment 3, Air Rescue Service [European Recovery Operations Center], 18 Mar 1959–18 Mar 1960). 3d Aerospace rescue and Recovery Group, 8 Jul 1972; 41st Aerospace Rescue and Recovery (later, 41st Rescue and Weather Reconnaissance) Wing (attached to 3d Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Group) 20 Aug 1972–15 Oct 1975. 39th Special Operations Wing, 1 May 1988; 41st Rescue and Weather Reconnaissance Wing, 1 Apr 1989; Air Rescue Service, 1 Aug 1989; Air Forces Iceland, 1 Feb 1993; 35th Operations Group, 31 May 1993; 85th Operations Group, 1 Oct 1994; 85th Group, 1 Jul 1995–.

Stations

Sidi Slimane, French Morocco, 14 Nov 1952–18 Mar 1960. Korat RTAFB, Thailand, 8 Jul 1972–15 Oct 1975. Keflavik, Iceland, 1 May 1988–.

Aircraft

H–5, 1952–1953; SA–16, 1952–1960; SC–47, 1953–1956; SH–19, 1953–1960. HC–130, 1972–1975; HH–43, 1972–1975. HH–3, 1988–1992; HH–60, 1992–.

Operations

Flew search and rescue, and medical evacuation, in North Africa and southern European area, Nov 1952–Mar 1960. Combat in Southeast Asia, 10 Jul 1972–15 Aug 1973, to include search and rescue, airborne mission control, and aerial refueling; and local search and rescue until Feb 1975. Search and rescue support to Iceland Defense Forces, May 1988–.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

Vietnam: Vietnam Ceasefire.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Presidential Unit Citation: Southeast Asia, 8 Jul 1972–27 Jan 1973. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Aug 1991–31 May 1993; 1 Jun 1993–31 Jul 1994. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 8 Jul 1972–28 Jan 1973.

Emblem

On an Ultramarine Azure background, an Or ray of light descends from the chief position on the disc to the northern latitudes of the two-tone Argent globe. The globe is positioned at the nombril point on the disc, and occupies all base positions. A Gules winged sword is surmounted over the ray of light. The globe extends downward to middle base on the disc and occupies all base positions. The disc is bordered with Or. Approved on 31 Mar 1989 (DFSC 90–02500); replaced emblem approved on 26 Feb 1958 (K 10178).



57th Airlift Squadron

Constituted 57th Troop Carrier Squadron on 12 Nov 1942. Activated on 18 Nov 1942. Inactivated on 25 Mar 1946. Activated in the Reserve on 3 Aug 1947. Redesignated 57th Troop Carrier Squadron, Medium, on 27 Jun 1949. Ordered to active service on 15 Oct 1950. Inactivated on 14 Jul 1952. Activated in the Reserve on 14 Jul 1952. Inactivated on 1 Apr 1954. Redesignated 57th Military Airlift Squadron, Training, and activated on 27 Dec 1965. Organized on 8 Jan 1966. Redesignated 57th Airlift Squadron on 27 Aug 1991.

Assignments

375th Troop Carrier Group, 18 Nov 1942–25 Mar 1946. 375th Troop Carrier Group, 3 Aug 1947–14 Jul 1952. 375th Troop Carrier Group, 14 Jul 1952–1 Apr 1954. Military Air Transport Service (later, Military Airlift Command), 27 Dec 1965; 443d Military Airlift (later, 443d Airlift) Wing, 8 Jan 1966; 443d Operations Group, 1 Oct 1991; 97th Operations Group, 1 Oct 1992–.

Stations

Bowman Field, KY, 18 Nov 1942; Sedalia AAFld, MO, 23 Jan 1943; Laurinburg-Maxton AAB, NC, 5 May 1943; Baer Field, IN, 3–17 Jun 1943; Port Moresby, New Guinea, 29 Jun 1943; Dobodura, New Guinea, 2 Aug 1943; Port Moresby, New Guinea, 20 Dec 1943; Nadzab, New Guinea, 22 Apr 1944; Biak, 23 Sep 1944 (operated from Peleliu, 9–26 Jan 1945); San Jose, Mindoro, 18 Feb 1945; Porac, Luzon, 20 May 1945; Okinawa, 20 Aug 1945; Tachikawa, Japan, 20 Sep 1945–25 Mar 1946. Greater Pittsburgh Aprt, PA, 3 Aug 1947; Greenville (later, Donaldson) AFB, SC, 16 Oct 1950–14 Jul 1952. Pittsburgh, PA, 14 Jul 1952–1 Apr 1954. Tinker AFB, OK, 8 Jan 1966; Altus AFB, OK, 21 Apr 1969–.

Aircraft

C–47, 1942–1945; B–17, 1944; C–46, 1944–1946. C–46, 1947–1950; C–82, 1950–1952. C–46, 1953–1954. C–141, 1966–.

Operations

Aerial transportation in Southwest and Western Pacific during World War II; airborne assault on Nadzab, New Guinea, 5 Sep 1945. Provided aircrew flight training in the C–141 aircraft and worldwide airlift, 1966–.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Japan; New Guinea; Northern Solomons; Bismarck Archipelago; Western Pacific; Leyte; Luzon; Southern Philippines; Ryukyus.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Apr 1967–31 Mar 1969; 1 Apr 1970–31 Mar 1972; 1 Jul 1979–30 Jun 1981; 1 Jul 1985–30 Jun 1987. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII). Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 1 Apr 1966–28 Jan 1973.

Emblem

Azure, a pair of wings Or, garnished Gold Brown surmounted by two arrows saltewise of the like, overall a torch of the third flamant Proper fimbriated Argent, all between in base three double mullets, Yellow offset on White, each issuing a four lined contrail arcing to the flame of the torch of the last; all within an inner bordure Or and an outer diminished bordure of the first. Approved c. May 1966 (K 14279).



58th Fighter Squadron

Constituted 58th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) on 20 Nov 1940. Activated on 15 Jan 1941. Redesignated: 58th Fighter Squadron on 15 May 1942; 58th Fighter Squadron, Two Engine, on 8 Feb 1945. Inactivated on 8 Dec 1945. Redesignated 58th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 17 Jul 1946. Activated on 20 Aug 1946. Redesignated: 58th Fighter Squadron, Jet, on 14 Jun 1948; 58th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron on 20 Jan 1950. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 25 Dec 1960. Redesignated 58th Tactical Fighter Squadron on 16 Mar 1970. Activated on 1 Sep 1970. Redesignated 58th Fighter Squadron on 1 Nov 1991.

Assignments

33d Pursuit (later, 33d Fighter) Group, 15 Jan 1941–8 Dec 1945. 33d Fighter (later 33d Fighter-Interceptor) Group, 20 Aug 1946; 4707th Defense Wing, 6 Feb 1952; 564th Air Defense Group, 16 Feb 1953; 33d Fighter Group, 18 Aug 1955; 4735th Air Defense Group, 18 Aug 1957; 34th Air Division, 1 Aug 1959; Albuquerque Air Defense Sector, 1 Jan 1960; Oklahoma City Air Defense Sector, 15 Sep–25 Dec 1960. 33d Tactical Fighter (later, 33d Fighter) Wing, 1 Sep 1970 (attached to 432d Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, 29 Apr–14 Oct 1972; 8th Tactical Fighter Wing, 8 Jun–14 Sep 1973; 33d Tactical Fighter Wing Provisional, 28 Aug 1990–12 Apr 1991); 33d Operations Group, 1 Dec 1991–.

Stations

Mitchel Field, NY, 15 Jan 1941 (operated from Farmingdale, NY, 7–14 Dec 1941); Philadelphia, PA, 13 Dec 1941; Norfolk, VA, 16 Jan 1942 (operated from San Francisco, CA, May–Jun 1942); Langley Field, VA, 22 Sep–14 Oct 1942; Port Lyautey, French Morocco, 10 Nov 1942; Thelepte, Tunisia, 12 Dec 1943; Telergma, Algeria, 7 Feb 1943; Berteaux, Algeria, 2 Mar 1943; Ebba Ksour, Tunisia, 13 Apr 1943; Menzel Temime, Tunisia, 15 May 1943; Pantelleria, c. 28 Jun 1943; Licata, Sicily, 18 Jul 1943; Paestum, Italy, 14 Sep 1943; Santa Maria, Italy, 18 Nov 1943; Cercola, Italy, 1 Jan–c. 6 Feb 1944; Karachi, India, c. 18 Feb 1944; Pungchacheng, China, c. 30 Apr 1944; Moran, India, 31 Aug 1944; Sahmaw, Burma, 26 Dec 1944; Dudhkundi, India, c. 15 May–15 Nov 1945; Camp Shanks, NY, 7–8 Dec 1945. Neubiberg, Germany, 20 Aug 1946; Bad Kissingen, Germany, Jul–25 Aug 1947; Andrews Field, MD, 25 Aug 1947; Roswell AAFld (later, Walker AFB), NM, 16 Sep 1947; Otis AFB, MA, 16 Nov 1948; Walker AFB, NM, 2 Aug 1959–25 Dec 1960. Eglin AFB, FL, 1 Sep 1970– (deployed at Udorn RTAFB, Thailand, 29 Apr–18 Oct 1972 and 1 Jun–14 Sep 1973; Tabuk, Saudi Arabia, 28 Aug 1990–12 Apr 1991).

Aircraft

P–39, 1941; P–40, 1941–1944; P–47, 1944–1945; P–38, 1944–1945. P(later F)–51, 1946–1949; F–84, 1948–1950; F–86, 1950–1952; F–94, 1952–1955; F–89, 1955–1960. F–4, 1970–1979; F–15, 1979–.

Operations

Air defense of US, Dec 1941–Oct 1942. Combat in MTO, 10 Nov 1942–2 Feb 1944, and in CBI, 10 May 1944–12 May 1945. Part of US occupation forces

in Germany 1946–1947. Air defense of US, 1947–1960. Combat in Southeast Asia, 6 May–8 Oct 1972 and 6–30 Jun 1973; Panama, Dec 1989–Jan 1990 and Southwest Asia, Jan–Feb 1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Algeria-French Morocco with Arrowhead; Tunisia; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Anzio; Rome-Arno; Air Combat, EAME Theater; India-Burma; China Defensive; Central Burma. Vietnam: Vietnam Ceasefire. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Panama, 1989–1990.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: Central Tunisia, 15 Jan 1943. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat “V” Device: 25 Apr–16 Oct 1972. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Oct 1978–30 Apr 1980; 1 May 1984–30 Apr 1986; 1 Apr 1990–31 Mar 1992. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 29 Apr–18 Oct 1972.

Emblem

On a disc composed of a Light Blue sky and White cloud formations, within a band divided into four segments, top and bottom segments Blue, dexter and sinister segments checky, alternating Blue and White, a Brown gorilla (eyes and tongue Red, pupils Dark Brown, teeth White) rising above a White cloud formation issuing from base on which are two Red flight symbols each trailing an arced Light Blue vapor trail. Approved on 14 Jul 1971 (KE 42615); replaced emblems approved on 30 Mar 1951 (K 65156) and 18 Jan 1944 (27753 A.C.).



59th Fighter Squadron

Constituted 59th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) on 20 Nov 1940. Activated on 15 Jan 1941. Redesignated: 59th Fighter Squadron on 15 May 1942; 59th Fighter Squadron, Two Engine, on 8 Feb 1945. Inactivated on 8 Dec 1945. Redesignated 59th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 17 Jul 1946. Activated on 20 Aug 1946. Redesignated: 59th Fighter Squadron, Jet, on 14 Jun 1948; 59th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron on 20 Jan 1950. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 2 Jan 1967. Activated on 30 Sep 1968. Inactivated on 17 Dec 1969. Redesignated 59th Tactical Fighter Squadron on 16 Mar 1970. Activated on 1 Sep 1970. Redesignated 59th Fighter Squadron on 1 Nov 1991.

Assignments

33d Pursuit (later, 33d Fighter) Group, 15 Jan 1941–8 Dec 1945. 33d Fighter (later, 33d Fighter-Interceptor) Group, 20 Aug 1946; 4707th Defense (later, 4707th Air Defense) Wing, 6 Feb 1952 (attached to Northeast Air Command, 28–31 Oct 1952; 64th Air Division, 1 Nov 1952–31 Jan 1953); 64th Air Division, 1 Feb 1953; 4732d Air Defense Group, 1 Apr 1957; Goose Air Defense Sector, 1 Apr 1960; 37th Air Division, 1 Apr 1966–2 Jan 1967. 408th Fighter Group, 30 Sep 1968–17 Dec 1969. 33d Tactical Fighter (later, 33d Fighter) Wing, 1 Sep 1970; 33d Operations Group, 1 Dec 1991–.

Stations

Mitchel Field, NY, 15 Jan 1941 (operated from Groton, CT, 7–14 Dec 1941); G L Martin Aprt, MD, 15 Dec 1941; Philadelphia, PA, 10 May–12 Oct 1942 (operated from Paine Field, WA, May–Jun 1942) Port Lyautey, French Morocco, 10 Nov 1942; Casablanca, French Morocco, 17 Nov 1942; Thelepte, Tunisia, c. 8 Jan 1943; Youks-les-Bains, Algeria, 10 Feb 1943; Telergma, Algeria, 13 Feb 1943; Berteaux, Algeria, 2 Mar 1943 (operated from Thelepte, Tunisia, 20 Mar–12 Apr 1943); Ebba Ksour, Tunisia, 12 Apr 1943; Menzel Temime, Tunisia, 20 May 1943; Sousse, Tunisia, 9 Jun 1943; Pantelleria, 18 Jun 1943; Licata, Sicily, 16 Jul 1943; Paestum, Italy, 13 Sep 1943; Santa Maria, Italy, 18 Nov 1943 (operated from Paestum, Italy, 1–31 Dec 1943); Cercola, Italy, c. 1 Jan–c. 5 Feb 1944; Karachi, India, 12 Feb 1944; Funghwan Shan, China, 19 Mar 1944; Moran, India, 5 Sep 1944; Nagaghuli, India, 21 Nov 1944; Piardoba, India, 2 May 1945; Dudhkundi, India, 15 May–15 Nov 1945; Camp Shanks, NY, 7–8 Dec 1945. Neubiberg, Germany, 20 Aug 1946; Bad Kissingen, Germany, Jul–25 Aug 1947; Andrews Field, MD, 25 Aug 1947; Roswell AAFld (later Walker AFB), NM, 16 Sep 1947; Otis AFB, MA, 16 Nov 1948; Goose Bay Aprt, Labrador, 28 Oct 1952; Bergstrom AFB, TX, 1–2 Jan 1967. Kingsley Field, OR, 30 Sep 1968–17 Dec 1969. Eglin AFB, FL, 1 Sep 1970–.

Aircraft

P–39, 1941; P–40, 1941–1944; P–47, 1944–1945; P–38, 1944–1945. P(later F)–51, 1946–1949; F–84, 1948–1950; F–86, 1950–1952; F–94, 1952–1956; F–89, 1955–1960, F–102, 1960–1966. F–101, 1968–1969. F–4, 1973–1979; F–15, 1979–.

Operations

Air defense of US, Dec 1941–Oct 1942. Combat in MTO, 10 Nov 1942–2 Feb 1944, and CBI, 5 Jun 1944–18 Jun 1945. Part of US occupation forces in Germany, 1946–1947. Air defense of US and North America, 1947–1969.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Algeria-French Morocco with Arrowhead; Tunisia; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Anzio; Rome-Arno; Air Combat, EAME Theater; India-Burma; China Defensive; Central Burma.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: Central Tunisia, 15 Jan 1943. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Dec 1960–1 Dec 1961; 30 Sep 1968–30 Jun 1969; 1 Jul–30 Nov 1969; 1 Oct 1978–30 Apr 1980; 1 May 1984–30 Apr 1986; 1 Apr 1990–31 Mar 1992.

Emblem

On a disc quartered saltirewise, Yellow at top and bottom and chequy Yellow and White on the sides, a Blue disc bearing a Yellow leaping lion with Brown mane and body, White teeth and claws, head and claws detailed Black, and Red mouth, in front of two White clouds and above five White stars; all within a narrow Yellow border. Approved on 19 Dec 1942 (K 2813) modified on 6 Aug 1986. *MOTTO*: GOLDEN PRIDE. Approved on 6 Aug 1986.



60th Fighter Squadron

Constituted 60th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) on 20 Nov 1940. Activated on 15 Jan 1941. Redesignated: 60th Fighter Squadron on 15 May 1942; 60th Fighter Squadron, Two Engine, on 8 Feb 1945. Inactivated on 8 Dec 1945. Redesignated 60th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 17 Jul 1946. Activated on 20 Aug 1946. Redesignated: 60th Fighter Squadron, Jet, on 14 Jun 1948; 60th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron on 20 Jan 1950. Inactivated on 30 Apr 1971. Redesignated 60th Tactical Fighter Squadron on 18 May 1971. Activated on 1 Sep 1971. Redesignated 60th Fighter Squadron on 1 Nov 1991.

Assignments

33d Pursuit (later, 33d Fighter) Group, 15 Jan 1941–8 Dec 1945. 33d Fighter (later, 33d Fighter-Interceptor) Group, 20 Aug 1946; 4707th Defense (later, 4707th Air Defense) Wing, 6 Feb 1952; 33d Fighter Group, 18 Aug 1955; 4735th Air Defense Group, 18 Aug 1957; Boston Air Defense Sector, 1 Aug 1959; 35th Air Division, 1 Apr 1966; 21st Air Division, 19 Nov 1969–30 Apr 1971. 33d Tactical Fighter (later, 33d Fighter) Wing, 1 Sep 1971; 33d Operations Group, 1 Dec 1991–.

Stations

Mitchel Field, NY, 15 Jan 1941; Bolling Field, DC, 8 Dec 1941–12 Oct 1942; Port Lyautey, French Morocco, 10 Nov 1942; Casablanca, French Morocco, 17 Nov 1942; Oujda, Algeria, 6 Dec 1942; Telergma, Algeria, 26 Dec 1942; Youks-les-Bains, Algeria, c. 6 Jan 1943; Telergma, Algeria, 17 Feb 1943; Berteaux, Algeria, 2 Mar 1943; Ebba Ksour, Tunisia, 12 Apr 1943; Menzel Temime, Tunisia, 22 May 1943; Sousse, Tunisia, 10 Jun 1943; Pantelleria, 21 Jun 1943; Licata, Sicily, 17 Jul 1943; Paestum, Italy, 13 Sep 1943; Santa Maria, Italy, 18 Nov 1943 (operated from Paestum, Italy, 1–31 Dec 1943); Cercola, Italy, c. 1 Jan–c. 5 Feb 1944; Karachi, India, c. 20 Feb 1944; Shwangliu, China, c. 17 Apr 1944; Nagaghuli, India, c. 1 Sep 1944; Sahmaw, Burma, 20 Nov 1944; Myitkyina, Burma, 8 May 1945; Piardoba, India, 1 Oct–15 Nov 1945; Camp Shanks, NY, 7–8 Dec 1945. Neubiberg, Germany, 20 Aug 1946; Bad Kissingen, Germany, Jul–25 Aug 1947; Andrews Field, MD, 25 Aug 1947; Roswell AAFld (later, Walker AFB), NM, 16 Sep 1947; Otis AFB, MA, 16 Nov 1948; Westover AFB, MA, 10 Aug 1950; Otis AFB, MA, 18 Aug 1955–30 Apr 1971. Eglin AFB, FL, 1 Sep 1971–.

Aircraft

P–39, 1941; P–40, 1941–1944; P–47, 1944–1945; P–38, 1945. P(later F)–51, 1946–1949; F–84, 1948–1950; F–86, 1950–1955; F–94, 1955–1959; F–101, 1959–1971. F–15, 1979–1980, 1981–.

Operations

Air defense of US, Dec 1941–Oct 1942. Combat in MTO, 10 Nov 1942–2 Feb 1944, and CBI, 29 Apr 1944–2 Aug 1945. Part of US occupation forces in Germany, 1946–1947. Air defense of US, 1947–1971. Not operational, 1 Sep 1971–15 Jun 1979. F–15 training of PACAF crews, 15 Jun 1979–16 Apr 1980. Not operational, 17 Apr 1980–1 Jul 1981. Supported combat operations in Panama, Dec 1989–Jan 1990 and Southwest Asia, 26 Aug 1990–12 Apr 1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Algeria-French Morocco with Arrowhead; Tunisia; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Anzio; Rome-Arno; Air Combat, EAME Theater; India-Burma; Central Burma; China Defensive; Air Combat, Asiatic-Pacific Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Panama, 1989–1990.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: Central Tunisia, 15 Jan 1943. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 15 Jun 1979–22 Apr 1980; 1 May 1984–30 Apr 1986; 1 Apr 1990–31 Mar 1992.

Emblem

On a disc quartered saltirewise, Red at top and bottom and chequy Red and White on the sides, a Green disc bearing a Black caricatured crow with White eye, Black pupil, Yellow beak, feet and bow tie detailed and fimbriated Black, wearing a Blue aviator's helmet, with White goggles and a Blue and White checkered vest holding in his wings a Red tommy gun all fimbriated with Black and all within a narrow Red border. *MOTTO*: FIGHTING CROWS. Approved on 15 May 1942 (49003 A.C.); slightly modified in 1986.



61st Airlift Squadron

Constituted 61st Troop Carrier Squadron on 13 Oct 1942. Activated on 26 Oct 1942.
Inactivated on 30 Sep 1946. Redesignated 61st Troop Carrier Squadron, Medium, on 20 Sep
1949. Activated on 17 Oct 1949. Redesignated: 61st Troop Carrier Squadron on 1 Mar
1966; 61st Tactical Airlift Squadron on 1 May 1967; 61st Airlift Squadron on 1 Dec 1991.

Assignments

315th Troop Carrier Group (attached to 314th Troop Carrier Group), 26 Oct 1942; 314th Troop Carrier Group, 15 Mar 1943; 441st Troop Carrier Group, attached in Oct 1945, assigned Dec 1945–30 Sep 1946. 314th Troop Carrier Group, 17 Oct 1949; 314th Troop Carrier Wing, 8 Oct 1957; 839th Air Division, 1 Dec 1965 (attached to Troop Carrier Wing Provisional, 4413, 1 Dec 1965–30 Jun 1966); 64th Troop Carrier (later 64th Tactical Airlift) Wing, 1 Jul 1966 (attached to the 513th Tactical Airlift Wing, 6 May–11 Aug 1967, 8 Apr–29 Jun 1968, 27 May–6 Jul 1970; 322d Tactical Airlift Wing, 21 Oct–19 Dec 1970); 314th Tactical Airlift Wing, 31 May 1971 (attached to the 374th Tactical Airlift Wing, 13 May–8 Sep 1972; 513th Tactical Airlift Wing, 5 Jan–16 Mar 1973; 322d Tactical Airlift Wing, 5 Jun–11 Aug 1973, 16 Oct–16 Dec 1974, 15–30 Jun 1975; 435th Tactical Airlift Wing, 30 Jun–17 Aug 1975, 5 Mar–17 May 1976, 3 Dec 1976–13 Feb 1977, 5 Jul–9 Sep 1977, 13 Jul–13 Sep 1978); 314th Tactical Airlift Group, 1 Nov 1978 (attached to 435th Tactical Airlift Wing, 5 Apr–12 Jun 1980); 314th Tactical Airlift Wing, 15 Jun 1980 (attached to the 435th Tactical Airlift Wing, 4 Dec 1982–15 Feb 1983; 313th Tactical Airlift Group, 8 Aug–10 Oct 1984, 1 Dec 1985–12 Feb 1986, 1 Feb–15 Apr 1987, 3 Apr–15 Jun 1988, 27 Dec 1990–12 May 1991); 314th Operations Group, 1 Dec 1991–.

Stations

Bowman Field, KY, 26 Oct 1942; Knobnoster, MO, 5 Nov 1942; Lawson Field, GA, 20 Feb–3 May 1943; Berguent, French Morocco, May 1943; Kairouan, Tunisia, 26 Jun 1943; Castelvetro, Sicily, 1 Sep 1943–16 Feb 1944; Saltby, England, 24 Feb 1944; Poix, France, Feb 1945; Frankfurt, Germany, 15 Oct 1945–30 Sep 1946. Smyrna AFB, TN, 17 Oct 1949–27 Aug 1950; Ashiya AB, Japan, 4 Sep 1950–15 Nov 1954; Sewart AFB, TN, 15 Nov 1954 (deployed at Clark AFB, Philippines, 1 Dec 1965–30 Jun 1966; RAF Mildenhall, England, 5 May–14 Aug 1967, 28 Mar–29 Jun 1968); Little Rock AFB, AR, 5 Mar 1970– (deployed at RAF Mildenhall, England, 28 May–7 Jul 1970, 3 Jan–17 Mar 1973, 5 Mar–17 May 1976, 3 Dec 1976–13 Feb 1977, 5 Jul–9 Sep 1977, 13 Jul–13 Sep 1978, 5 Apr–12 Jun 1980, 4 Dec 1982–15 Feb 1983, 8 Aug–10 Oct 1984, 1 Dec 1985–12 Feb 1986, 1 Feb–15 Apr 1987, 3 Apr–15 Jun 1988, 27 Dec 1990–12 May 1991; Rhein-Main AB, Germany, 12 Oct–19 Dec 1970, 12 Jun–16 Aug 1973, 3 Oct–16 Dec 1974, 15 Jun–17 Aug 1975).

Aircraft

Principally C–47, 1942–1946. C–82, 1949–1950; C–119, 1950–1957; C–130, 1956–.

Operations

Airborne assaults on Sicily, Normandy, Holland, and Germany, as well as aerial transportation in MTO and ETO, during World War II. Airborne assaults on Sukchon/Sunchon and Munsan-ni, as well as aerial transportation between Japan and Korea during the Korean War. Transported supplies from the Philippines into Southeast Asia, Dec 1965–Jun 1966. Global tactical airlift, 1971–. Airdropped humanitarian relief supplies in northern Iraq, Apr–May 1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Rome-Arno; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Central Europe. Korea: UN Defensive; UN Offensive; CCF Intervention; First UN Counteroffensive; CCF Spring Offensive; UN Summer-Fall Offensive; Second Korean Winter; Korean Summer-Fall, 1952; Third Korean Winter; Korea, Summer 1953. Vietnam: Vietnam Defensive; Vietnam Air.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Panama, 1989–1990.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Sicily, 11 Jul 1943; France, [6–7] Jun 1944; Korea, 28 Nov–10 Dec 1950. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 6 May 1953–10 Sep 1954; 11 Jan–14 Feb 1955; 23 Mar–22 Aug 1959; 1 Jan 1960–31 Dec 1961; 1 Sep 1962–15 Apr 1963; 1 Jun 1969–31 May 1971; 1 Jan 1975–30 Jun 1976; 1 Jun 1985–31 May 1986; 1 Jul 1991–30 Jun 1993. Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation: 1 Jul 1951–27 Jul 1953. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 1 Apr 1966–7 Jul 1968.

Emblem

On a disc quartered, Sky Blue and White, a caricatured Green hornet with Air Force Golden Yellow wings and glove-covered hands, wearing Black earphones and Green billed cap; carrying a White parachute with paratrooper attached, wearing Green uniform and helmet; the disc Black, all outlines and detail lines Black. Approved on 13 Jun 1956 (154653 A.C.).



61st Fighter Squadron

Constituted 61st Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) on 20 Nov 1940. Activated on 15 Jan 1941. Redesignated: 61st Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) (Twin Engine) on 31 Jan 1942; 61st Fighter Squadron (Twin Engine) on 15 May 1942; 61st Fighter Squadron on 1 Jun 1942; 61st Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 28 Feb 1944. Inactivated on 18 Oct 1945. Activated on 1 May 1946. Redesignated: 61st Fighter Squadron, Jet Propelled, on 24 Apr 1947; 61st Fighter Squadron, Jet, on 14 Jun 1948; 61st Fighter-Interceptor Squadron on 20 Jan 1950. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 25 Jul 1960. Redesignated 61st Tactical Fighter Squadron on 12 May 1975. Activated on 30 Jun 1975. Redesignated: 61st Tactical Fighter Training Squadron on 1 Jan 1980; 61st Fighter Squadron on 1 Nov 1991. Inactivated on 12 Aug 1993. Activated on 1 Apr 1994.

Assignments

56th Pursuit (later, 56th Fighter) Group, 15 Jan 1941–18 Oct 1945. 56th Fighter (later, 56th Fighter-Interceptor) Group, 1 May 1946; 4708th Defense Wing, 6 Feb 1952; 575th Air Defense Group, 16 Feb 1953; 64th Air Division, 6 Aug 1953; 4731st Air Defense Group, 1 Apr 1957; 327th Fighter Group, 15 Oct 1957–25 Jul 1960. 56th Tactical Fighter (later, 56th Tactical Training; 56th Fighter) Wing, 30 Jun 1975; 56th Operations Group, 1 Nov 1991–12 Aug 1993. 56th Operations Group, 1 Apr 1994–.

Stations

Savannah AB, GA, 15 Jan 1941; Charlotte AAB, NC, 26 May 1941 (deployed at Myrtle Beach, SC, Oct–Nov 1941); Charleston Muni Aprt, SC, 10 Dec 1941; Bridgeport Muni Aprt, CT, 15 Jan–27 Dec 1942; Kings Cliffe, England, 12 Jan 1943; Horsham St Faith, England, 5 Apr 1943; Halesworth, England, 9 Jul 1943; Boxted, England, 19 Apr 1944; Little Walden, England, c. 15 Sep–11 Oct 1945; Camp Kilmer, NJ, 16–18 Oct 1945. Selfridge Field (later, AFB), MI, 1 May 1946–25 Jul 1953; Ernest Harmon AFB, Newfoundland, 6 Aug 1953; Truax Field, WI, 17 Oct 1957–25 Jul 1960. MacDill AFB, FL, 30 Jun 1975–12 Aug 1993. Luke AFB, AZ, 1 Apr 1994–.

Aircraft

P–35, 1941; P–36, 1941; P–39, 1941–1942; P–40, 1941–1942; P–47, 1942, 1943–1945. P–47, 1946–1947; P–51, 1946–1947; P (later, F)–80, 1947–1950; F–86, 1950–1951; F–94, 1951–1954; F–89, 1954–1957; F–102, 1957–1960. F–4, 1975–1979; F–16, 1980–1993.

Operations

Air defense and operational training unit, 1942 and 1950–1960. Combat in ETO, 13 Apr 1943–21 Apr 1945. Replacement training unit with a combat-ready commitment, 1975–1993.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: ETO, 20 Feb–9 Mar 1944; Holland, 18 Sep 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1977–1 Jan 1979; 1 Jul 1980–30 Jun 1982; 1 Jun 1984–31 May 1986; 1 May 1987–30 Apr 1989; 1 May 1989–30 Apr 1990; 1 May 1990–30 Apr 1991.

Emblem

On a Yellow disc, the caricatured face and head of an English bulldog, left eye closed, face Tan, trimmed Black, expression depicting determination, wearing a Brown aviator's helmet, ear phones Black, and goggles proper, holding a Golden Orange lightning bolt in mouth. Approved on 15 Sep 1943 (K 6722).



62d Airlift Squadron

Constituted 62d Troop Carrier Squadron on 27 Nov 1942. Activated on 5 Dec 1942. Inactivated on 27 Aug 1946. Redesignated 62d Troop Carrier Squadron, Medium, on 20 Sep 1949. Activated on 17 Oct 1949. Redesignated: 62d Troop Carrier Squadron on 1 Mar 1966; 62d Tactical Airlift Squadron on 1 May 1967; 62d Airlift Squadron on 1 Dec 1991.

Assignments

315th Troop Carrier Group (attached to 89th Troop Carrier Group), 5 Dec 1942; 314th Troop Carrier Group, 15 Mar 1943; Third Air Force, Aug–27 Aug 1946. 314th Troop Carrier Group, 17 Oct 1949; 314th Troop Carrier Wing, 8 Oct 1957 (attached to 322d Air Division, 6 Jun–Aug 1961; Det 3, 315th Air Division, 19 May–29 Jul 1962 and 5 Aug–Oct 1964; 315th Air Division, Mar–May 1965); 839th Air Division, 1 Dec 1965 (attached to Troop Carrier Wing Provisional, 4413, 1 Dec 1965–30 Jun 1966); 64th Troop Carrier (later, 64th Tactical Airlift) Wing, 1 Jul 1966 (attached to 513th Tactical Airlift Wing, 15 Dec 1967–8 Apr 1968, 29 Jun–2 Oct 1968, 16 Nov 1969–11 Jan 1970, and 3 Jul–30 Aug 1970; 322d Tactical Airlift Wing, 10 Apr–12 Jun 1971); 314th Tactical Airlift Wing, 31 May 1971; 34th Tactical Airlift Training Group, 1 Nov 1978; 314th Operations Group, 1 Dec 1991–.

Stations

Sedalia AAFld, MO, 5 Dec 1942; Del Valle, TX, 12 Dec 1942; Pope Field, NC, 12 Jan 1943; Lawson Field, GA, 25 Feb–3 May 1943; Berguent, French Morocco, 29 May 1943; Kairouan, Tunisia, 24 Jun 1943; Castelvetro, Sicily, 3 Sep 1943–15 Feb 1944; Saltby, England, 24 Feb 1944; Poix, France, Mar 1945; Villacoublay, France, 15 Oct 1945–15 Feb 1946; Bolling Field, DC, 15 Feb 1946; Greenville AAB, SC, Aug–27 Aug 1946. Smyrna AFB, TN, 17 Oct 1949–27 Aug 1950; Ashiya, Japan, 4 Sep 1950–15 Nov 1954; Sewart AFB, TN, 15 Nov 1954 (deployed at Evreux AB, France, 6 Jun–Aug 1961; Clark AB, Philippines, 19 May–29 Jul 1962, 5 Aug–Oct 1964, and Mar–May 1965; RAF Mildenhall, England, 15 Dec 1967–c. 28 Mar 1968, 1 Jul–2 Oct 1968, and 16 Nov 1969–11 Jan 1970); Little Rock AFB, AR, 9 Mar 1970– (deployed at RAF Mildenhall, England, 3 Jul–30 Aug 1970; Rhein-Main AB, Germany, 2 Apr–31 May 1971).

Aircraft

Principally C–47, 1943–1946. C–82, 1949–1950; C–119, 1950–1957; C–130, 1956–.

Operations

Airborne assaults on Sicily, Normandy, Holland, and Germany, as well as aerial transportation in the MTO and ETO, during World War II. Included airborne assaults on Sukchon/Sunchon, and Munsan-ni, as well as aerial transportation between Japan and Korea, during the Korean War. Airlift from the Philippines into Vietnam, Mar–May 1965.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Rome-Arno; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Central Europe. Korea: UN Defensive; UN Offensive; CCF Intervention; First UN Counteroffensive; CCF Spring Offensive; UN Summer-Fall Offensive; Second Korean Winter; Korea Summer-Fall, 1952; Third Korean Winter; Korea, Summer 1953. Vietnam: Vietnam Defensive.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Sicily, 11 Jul 1943; France, [6–7] Jun 1944; Korea, 28 Nov–10 Dec 1950. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 6 May 1953–10 Sep 1954; 11 Jan–14 Feb 1955; 1 Jan 1960–31 Dec 1961; 1 Sep 1962–15 Apr 1963; 1 Dec 1965–30 Jun 1967; 1 Jun 1969–31 May 1971; 1 Jan 1975–30 Jun 1976; 1 Jun 1985–31 May 1986; 1 Jul 1991–30 Jun 1993. Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, 1 Jul 1951–27 Jul 1953.

Emblem

Azure a trefoil Sable fimbriated Argent charged with a ship Gules sails set White; all within a diminished bordure of the first. *MOTTO*: BLUE BARONS. Approved on 26 Oct 1993 and modified on 9 Dec 1994; replaced emblem approved on 24 Apr 1953 (47426 A.C.).



62d Fighter Squadron

Constituted 62d Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) on 20 Nov 1940. Activated on 15 Jan 1941. Redesignated: 62d Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) (Twin Engine) on 31 Jan 1942; 62d Fighter Squadron (Twin Engine) on 15 May 1942; 62d Fighter Squadron on 1 Jun 1942; 62d Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 28 Feb 1944. Inactivated on 18 Oct 1945. Activated on 1 May 1946. Redesignated: 62d Fighter Squadron, Jet Propelled, on 24 Apr 1947; 62d Fighter Squadron, Jet, on 14 Jun 1948; 62d Fighter-Interceptor Squadron on 20 Jan 1950. Inactivated on 30 Apr 1971. Redesignated 62d Fighter-Interceptor Training Squadron on 15 Aug 1974. Activated on 1 Sep 1974. Redesignated: 62d Tactical Fighter Squadron on 30 Jun 1975; 62d Tactical Fighter Training Squadron on 1 Jan 1981; 62d Fighter Squadron on 1 Nov 1991. Inactivated on 14 May 1993. Activated on 18 Mar 1994.

Assignments

56th Pursuit (later, 56th Fighter) Group, 15 Jan 1941–18 Oct 1945. 56th Fighter (later, 56th Fighter-Interceptor) Group, 1 May 1946 (attached to Alaskan Provisional Wing, c. 28 Dec 1946–c. 10 Apr 1947; 30th Air Division, c. 28 Jul 1950–30 Apr 1951; 142d Fighter-Interceptor Group, 1 May 1951–5 Feb 1952); 4706th Defense Wing, 6 Feb 1952; 501st Air Defense Group, 16 Feb 1953; 56th Fighter Group, 18 Aug 1955 (attached to 473d Fighter Group, 1 Aug–30 Sep 1959); 56th Fighter Wing, 1 Feb 1961; Duluth Air Defense Sector, 16 Dec 1963; 29th Air Division, 1 Apr 1966; 34th Air Division, 15 Sep 1969; 29th Air Division, 14 Nov 1969; 23d Air Division, 19 Nov 1969–30 Apr 1971. Air Defense Weapons Center, 1 Sep 1974; Tactical Air Command, 30 Jun 1975; 56th Tactical Fighter (later, 56th Tactical Training; 56th Fighter) Wing, 30 Jun 1975; 56th Operations Group, 1 Nov 1991–14 May 1993. 58th Operations Group, 18 Mar 1994; 56th Operations Group, 1 Apr 1994–.

Stations

Savannah AB, GA, 15 Jan 1941; Charlotte AAB, NC, 26 May 1941 (deployed at Myrtle Beach, SC, Oct–Nov 1941); Wilmington Muni Aprt, NC, 10 Dec 1941; Bendix Aprt, NJ, 17 Jan 1942; Newark Muni Aprt, NJ, 31 May 1942; Bradley Field, CT, 23 Jul–27 Dec 1942; Kings Cliffe, England, 12 Jan 1943; Horsham St Faith, England, 5 Apr 1943; Halesworth, England, 9 Jul 1943; Boxted, England, 19 Apr 1944; Debden, England, 15 Sep–11 Oct 1945; Camp Kilmer, NJ, 16–18 Oct 1945. Selfridge Field (later, AFB), MI, 1 May 1946 (deployed at Ladd Field, AK, 28 Dec 1946–10 Apr 1947; Oscoda AFB, MI, 1 Apr–6 Jun 1949); O'Hare Field-Chicago Intl Aprt (later, O'Hare Intl Aprt), IL, 4 Aug 1950 (deployed at K I Sawyer AFB, MI, 1 Aug–30 Sep 1959); K I Sawyer AFB, MI, 1 Oct 1959–30 Apr 1971. Tyndall AFB, FL, 1 Sep 1974; MacDill AFB, FL, 30 Jun 1975–14 May 1993. Luke AFB, AZ, 18 Mar 1994–.

Aircraft

P–35, 1941; P–36, 1941; P–39, 1941–1942; P–40, 1941–1942; P–47, 1942–1945. P–47, 1946; P–51, 1946–1947, 1947; P(later, F)–80, 1947–1950; F–86, 1950–1959; F–101, 1959–1971. F–106, 1974–1975; F–4, 1974–1980; F–16, 1980–1993.

Operations

Air defense and operational training unit, 1942. Combat in ETO, 13 Apr 1943–21 Apr 1945. Replacement training unit with a combat-ready commitment, 1975–1993.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: ETO, 20 Feb–9 Mar 1944; Holland, 18 Sep 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jun 1967–31 Dec 1968; 1 Jul 1977–1 Jan 1979; 1 Jul 1980–30 Jun 1982; 1 Jun 1984–31 May 1986; 1 May 1987–30 Apr 1989; 1 May 1989–30 Apr 1990; 1 May 1990–30 Apr 1991.

Emblem

Argent, a caricature bulldog affronte in a boxing stance Or, jowls Pink, wearing a jersey Azure charged with two mullets of the first, shorts Gules, shoes of the fourth, each charged on the toe with a mullet White, a scarf barry Gules and White, an aviator's helmet Brown with goggles Celeste, and boxing gloves Red, each charged with a lightning flash White, all above a cast shadow Light Blue; all within a diminished bordure Blue. Approved on 18 Jun 1943 (150190 A.C.) COPYRIGHT—Walt Disney.



63d Fighter Squadron

Constituted 63d Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) on 20 Nov 1940. Activated on 15 Jan 1941. Redesignated: 63d Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) (Twin Engine) on 31 Jan 1942; 63d Fighter Squadron (Twin Engine) on 15 May 1942; 63d Fighter Squadron on 1 Jun 1942; 63d Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 28 Feb 1944. Inactivated on 18 Oct 1945. Activated on 1 May 1946. Redesignated: 63d Fighter Squadron, Jet Propelled, on 24 Apr 1947; 63d Fighter Squadron, Jet, on 14 Jun 1948; 63d Fighter-Interceptor Squadron on 20 Jan 1950. Inactivated on 8 Jan 1958. Redesignated 63d Tactical Fighter Squadron on 12 May 1975. Activated on 30 Jun 1975. Redesignated: 63d Tactical Fighter Training Squadron on 1 Oct 1981; 63d Fighter Squadron on 1 Nov 1991.

Assignments

56th Pursuit (later, 56th Fighter) Group, 15 Jan 1941–18 Oct 1945. 56th Fighter (later, 56th Fighter-Interceptor) Group, 1 May 1946; 4708th Defense Wing, 6 Feb 1952; 4706th Defense Wing, 1 Jul 1952; 527th Air Defense Group, 16 Feb 1953; 56th Fighter Group, 18 Aug 1955–8 Jan 1958. 56th Tactical Fighter (later, 56th Tactical Training; 56th Fighter) Wing, 30 Jun 1975; 56th Operations Group, 1 Nov 1991; 58th Operations Group, 25 Feb 1993; 56th Operations Group, 1 Apr 1994–.

Stations

Savannah AB, GA, 15 Jan 1941; Charlotte AAB, NC, 26 May 1941 (deployed at Myrtle Beach, SC, Oct–Nov 1941); Myrtle Beach, SC, c. 10 Dec 1941; Farmingdale, NY, 15 Jan 1942; Bridgeport Muni Aprt, CT, 2 Sep–27 Dec 1942; Wittering, England, 12 Jan 1943; Horsham St Faith, England, 5 Apr 1943; Halesworth, England, 9 Jul 1943; Boxted, England, 19 Apr 1944; Little Walden, England, c. 15 Sep–11 Oct 1945; Camp Kilmer, NJ, 16–18 Oct 1945. Selfridge Field (later, AFB), MI, 1 May 1946; Oscoda (later, Wurtsmith) AFB, MI, c. 5 Jan 1951; O'Hare Intl Aprt, IL, 18 Aug 1955–8 Jan 1958. MacDill AFB, FL, 30 Jun 1975; Luke AFB, AZ, 25 Feb 1993–.

Aircraft

P–35, 1941; P–36, 1941; P–39, 1941–1952; P–40, 1941–1942; P–47, 1942, 1943–1945. P–47, 1946–1947; P–51, 1946–1947; P (later, F)–80, 1947–1950; F–86, 1950–1954, 1955–1957; F–89, 1955–1958. F–4, 1975–1981; F–16, 1981–.

Operations

Air defense and operational training unit, 1942. Combat in ETO, 13 Apr 1943–21 Apr 1945. Replacement training unit with a combat-ready commitment, 1975–.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: ETO, 20 Feb–9 Mar 1944; Holland, 18 Sep 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jan 1977–1 Jan 1979; 1 Jul 1980–30 Jun 1982; 1 Jun 1984–31 May 1986; 1 May 1987–30 Apr 1989; 1 May 1989–30 Apr 1990; 1 May 1990–30 Apr 1991.

Emblem

Gules, on a triangle Azure three lightning flashes issuant from dexter Argent surmounted by a panther stalking inverted to dexter base Sable garnished and winged at its forepaws White, enfiling an orbit ring charged with a flight symbol of the first; all within a diminished bordure of the second. Approved on 26 Jan 1956 (153878 A.C.); replaced emblem approved on 22 Jun 1943 (153871 A.C.).



65th Airlift Squadron

Constituted 65th Troop Carrier Squadron on 7 Dec 1942. Activated on 12 Dec 1942. Inactivated on 27 Jan 1946. Activated in the Reserve on 9 Aug 1947. Redesignated 65th Troop Carrier Squadron, Medium, on 27 Jun 1949. Ordered to active service on 1 Apr 1951. Inactivated on 1 Jan 1953. Activated in the Reserve on 1 Jan 1953. Ordered to active service on 28 Oct 1962. Relieved from active duty on 28 Nov 1962. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 1 Jul 1966. Redesignated 65th Airlift Squadron on 20 Feb 1992. Activated on 10 Mar 1992.

Assignments

403d Troop Carrier Group, 12 Dec 1942, Fifth Air Force, 26 Jul 1943; 54th Troop Carrier Wing, 13 Aug 1943; 433d Troop Carrier Group, 9 Nov 1943; 403d Troop Carrier Group, 20 Feb 1945–27 Jan 1946. 419th Troop Carrier Group, 9 Aug 1947; 403d Troop Carrier Group, 27 Jun 1949–1 Jan 1953. 403d Troop Carrier Group, 1 Jan 1953; 442d Troop Carrier Group, 16 Nov 1957; 403d Troop Carrier Wing, 14 Apr 1959; 929th Troop Carrier Group, 11 Jan 1963–1 Jul 1966. 15th Air Base Wing, 10 Mar 1992; 15th Operations Group, 13 Apr 1992–.

Stations

Bowman Field, KY, 12 Dec 1942; Alliance, NE, 18 Dec 1942; Pope Field, NC, 3 May 1943; Baer Field, IN, 19 Jun–14 Jul 1943; Port Moresby, New Guinea, 26 Jul 1943 (air echelon operated from Tsili Tsili, New Guinea, 18 Sep–31 Oct 1943); Nadzab, New Guinea, 9 Oct 1943 (air echelon operated from Tadj, New Guinea, 3 May–2 Jun 1944); Biak, 18 Oct 1944 (air echelon operated from Hill Field, Mindoro, 24 Jan–27 Feb 1945); Morotai, 27 Feb 1945; Dulag, Leyte, 15 Jul 1945; Clark Field, Luzon, 27 Jan 1946. Richmond AAB, VA, 9 Aug 1947; Portland, OR, 27 Jun 1949–29 Mar 1952; Ashiya AB, Japan, 14 Apr 1952–1 Jan 1953. Portland Intl Aprt, OR, 1 Jan 1953; Paine AFB, WA, 15 Apr 1955; Davis Field, OK, 16 Nov 1957–1 Jul 1966. Hickam AFB, HI, 10 Mar 1992–.

Aircraft

C–47, 1943–1945; C–46, 1944–1945. C–46, 1947–1952; C–119, 1952. C–119, 1953–1966. C–135, 1992–.

Operations

Aerial transportation and evacuation in South and Southwest Pacific, 26 Jul 1943–c. Aug 1945; and in Korea, 9 May–31 Dec 1952. Worldwide aerial transportation, 1992–.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: New Guinea; Northern Solomons; Bismarck Archipelago; Western Pacific; Leyte; Luzon; Southern Philippines. Korea: Korea Summer-Fall, 1952; Third Korean Winter.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Laguna de Bay, Luzon, 23 Feb 1945; Philippine Islands, 17 Apr–30 Jun 1945. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII). Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation: [1952].

Emblem

Azure, gridlined throughout Argent, a flight symbol at honor point fesswise Or issuing a contrail paly of four, arcing in perspective to sinister base; Gules, Tenne, Or and Celeste, all within a diminished bordure Yellow. *MOTTO*: SPECIAL MISSIONS HAWAII. Approved on 27 Nov 1992 (DFSC 94–01098).



66th Rescue Squadron

Constituted 66th Air Rescue Squadron on 17 Oct 1952. Activated on 14 Nov 1952.
Inactivated on 18 Jan 1958. Activated on 1 Jan 1991. Redesignated 66th Rescue Squadron
on 1 Feb 1993.

Assignments

9th Air Rescue Group, 14 Nov 1952–18 Jan 1958 (attached for operational control to United States Air Forces in Europe, 14 Nov 1952; Third Air Force, 15 Nov 1953; United States Air Forces in Europe, 1 Aug 1954–probably 18 Jan 1958). Air Rescue Service, 1 Jan 1991 (attached to 4404th Operations Group [Prov], 25 Jan 1993–); 57th Operations Group, 1 Feb 1993– (remained attached to 4404th Operations Group [Prov] to 5 July 1993).

Stations

RAF Manston, England, 14 Nov 1952–18 Jan 1958. Nellis AFB, NV, 1 Jan 1991– (deployed at Kuwait City, Kuwait, 25 Jan–5 Jul 1993).

Aircraft

SA–16, 1952–1958; H–19 (SH–19), 1952–1958; C–82, 1952–1953; Unkn, 1953–1958. HH–60, 1991–.

Operations

Search and rescue, air/med-evacuation, disaster relief 1952–1958 and 1991–. Deployed to Southwest Asia to ensure Iraq’s compliance with United Nations treaty terms, Jan–Jul 1993.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

None.

Emblem

On a Red disc edged with a narrow Black border a Black smaller disc fimbriated Yellow a shield enhanced blazoned: barry wavy Argent and Azure a chief Vert an eagle displayed and enhanced proper except tail per fess Or and White charged with a fess engrailed Sable pendant from its feet an “Ankh” cross Gules on a chain Sable. *MOTTO*: HAEC AGO UT ALII VIVANT—These Things I Do So Others May Live. Approved on 21 Feb 1956 (153961 A.C.).



67th Fighter Squadron

Constituted 67th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) on 20 Nov 1940. Activated on 15 Jan 1941. Redesignated: 67th Fighter Squadron on 15 May 1942; 67th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 20 Aug 1943; 67th Fighter Squadron, Two Engine, on 24 May 1944; 67th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 6 May 1946; 67th Fighter Squadron, Jet Propelled, on 17 Jul 1946; 67th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 14 Mar 1947; 67th Fighter Squadron, Jet, on 10 Nov 1949; 67th Fighter-Bomber Squadron on 20 Jan 1950; 67th Tactical Fighter Squadron on 1 Jul 1958; 67th Fighter Squadron on 1 Oct 1991.

Assignments

58th Pursuit (later, 58th Fighter) Group, 15 Jan 1941 (attached to Southwest Pacific Area, c. 26 Feb 1942; South Pacific Area, c. 15 Mar 1942; Americal Division, c. 28 Apr–2 Oct 1942); 347th Fighter Group, 3 Oct 1942; 18th Fighter (later, 18th Fighter-Bomber) Group, 1 Nov 1945 (attached to Air Task Group 5, Provisional, 27 Jan–17 Feb 1955; Air Task Force 13, Provisional, 1 Jul–1 Oct 1955; 18th Fighter-Bomber Wing, 1 Feb–30 Sep 1957); 18th Fighter-Bomber (later, 18th Tactical Fighter) Wing, 1 Oct 1957 (attached to 2d Air Division, 18 Feb–26 Apr 1965 and 16 Aug–23 Oct 1965); 39th Air Division, 15 Dec 1967; 475th Tactical Fighter Wing, 15 Jan 1968 (attached to Fifth Air Force ADVON, 7 Oct–8 Dec 1968, 3 Mar–3 Apr 1969, 2 Jun–2 Jul 1969, 30 Aug–1 Oct 1969, 1–18 Jan 1970, 16 Feb–2 Mar 1970, and 29 Mar–8 Apr 1970; Detachment 1, HQ 475th Tactical Fighter Wing, 8–12 Apr 1970, 10–24 May 1970, 21 Jun–4 Jul 1970, 18 Jul–25 Aug 1970, 15–29 Nov 1970, 10–22 Jan 1971, and 5–15 Feb 1971); 18th Tactical Fighter Wing, 15 Mar 1971 (attached to 3d Tactical Fighter Wing, 2 Jun–28 Jul 1972 and 8 Sep–16 Oct 1972; 327th Air Division, 8 Nov 1972–14 Jul 1973, 5–26 Aug 1973, 16 Sep–7 Oct 1973, 28 Oct–18 Nov 1973, 9–30 Dec 1973, 20 Jan–10 Feb 1974, 2–23 Mar 1974, 13 Apr–4 May 1974, 25 May–15 Jun 1974, 2–27 Jul 1974, 16 Oct–1 Dec 1974, 9 Jan–20 Feb 1975, and 20 Apr–30 May 1975); 18th Tactical Fighter Group, 1 May 1978; 18th Tactical Fighter Wing, 11 Feb 1981; 18th Operations Group, 1 Oct 1991–.

Stations

Selfridge Field, MI, 15 Jan 1941; Baton Rouge, LA, 6 Oct 1941; Fort Dix, NJ, 19–20 Jan 1942; Camp Darley, Australia, 27 Feb 1942; Noumea, New Caledonia, 15 Mar 1942; Tontouta Afd, New Caledonia, 17 Mar 1942 (air echelon operated from Henderson Field, Guadalcanal, 22 Aug–22 Dec 1942 and 29 Jan–c. 9 Apr 1943); Oua Tom, New Caledonia, 24 Apr 1943 (air echelon operated from Port Morseby, New Guinea, 30 May–28 Jun 1943); Milne Bay, New Guinea, 17 Jun 1943; Woodlark Island, New Guinea, 23 Jul 1943 (air echelon operated from Munda, New Georgia, 28 Oct–16 Dec 1943); Russell Islands, 23 Jan 1944 (air echelon operated from Torokina, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, 2 Mar–3 Apr 1944; detachment of air echelon operated from Stirling Island, 8–25 May 1944; air echelon operated from Stirling Island, 18 Jul–16 Aug 1944); Middelburg Island, Dutch New Guinea, 15 Aug 1944; San Jose, Mindoro, 22 Feb 1945 (air echelon operated from Morotai, Molucca Islands, 12 Feb–21 Mar 1945); Puerto Princesa,

Palawan, 6 Mar 1945 (air echelon operated from Laoag, Luzon, 9–28 Aug 1945); Zamboanga, Mindanao, c. Oct 1945; Laoag, Luzon, Oct 1945; Puerto Princesa, Palawan, 8 Feb 1946; Florida Blanca, Luzon, 17 Jul 1946; Clark Field (later, AFB), Luzon, 16 Sep 1947 (deployed at Kadena, Okinawa, 1–7 Mar 1949); Johnson AB, Japan, 24 Jul 1950; Ashiya, Japan, 30 Jul 1950; Pusan East, South Korea, 8 Sep 1950; Pyongyang East, North Korea, 21 Nov 1950; Suwon, South Korea, 1 Dec 1950; Chinhae, South Korea, c. 16 Dec 1950 (operated from Pusan West, South Korea, 27 Mar–c. 23 Apr 1951; Suwon Aux AB, South Korea, 7 Apr–c. 8 May 1951; Seoul, South Korea, 8 May–9 Aug 1951 and 19 Aug–30 Sep 1951; and Hoengsong, South Korea, 1 Oct 1951–1 Jun 1952); Hoengsong, South Korea, 2 Jun 1952 (operated from Taegu AB, South Korea, 17–21 Sep 1952); Osan-ni, South Korea, 10 Jan 1953; Kadena AB, Okinawa, 30 Oct 1954 (deployed at Yontan Auxiliary AB, Okinawa, 10 Nov–11 Dec 1954; Chia Yi, Formosa, 27 Jan–17 Feb 1955 and 1 Jul–1 Oct 1955; Korat RTAFB, Thailand, 18 Feb–26 Apr 1965 and 16 Aug–23 Oct 1965); Misawa AB, Japan, 15 Dec 1967 (deployed at Taegu AB, South Korea, 7 Oct–8 Dec 1968, 3 Mar–3 Apr 1969, 2 Jun–2 Jul 1969, 30 Aug–1 Oct 1969, 1–18 Jan 1970, 16 Feb–2 Mar 1970, and 29 Mar–8 Apr 1970; Kunsan AB, South Korea, 8–12 Apr 1970, 10–24 May 1970, 21 Jun–4 Jul 1970, 18 Jul–25 Aug 1970, 15–29 Nov 1970, 10–22 Jan 1971, and 5–15 Feb 1971); Kadena AB, Okinawa (later, Japan), 15 Mar 1971– (deployed at Kunsan AB, South Korea, 2 Jun–28 Jul 1972 and 8 Sep–16 Oct 1972; Ching Chaun Kang AB, Taiwan, 8 Nov 1972–14 Jul 1973, 5–26 Aug 1973, 16 Sep–7 Oct 1973, 28 Oct–18 Nov 1973, 9–30 Dec 1973, 20 Jan–10 Feb 1974, 2–23 Mar 1974, 13 Apr–4 May 1974, 25 May–15 Jun 1974, 2–27 Jul 1974, 16 Oct–1 Dec 1974, 9 Jan–20 Feb 1975, and 20 Apr–30 May 1975).

Aircraft

P–35, 1941; P–36, 1941; P–400, 1942; P–39, 1942–1944; P–38, 1944–1946; P(later, F)–51, 1946, 1948–1949, 1950–1953; P(later, F)–80, 1946–1947, 1949–1950; P(later, F)–47, 1946, 1947–1948; F–86, 1953–1957; F–100, 1957–1962; F–105, 1962–1967; F–4, 1968–1979; F–15, 1979–.

Operations

Replacement training, 1941. Air defense of New Caledonia, Mar–Oct 1942. Combat in South and Southwest Pacific, 24 Aug 1942–Jul 1944; combat in Southwest and Western Pacific, c. 15 Aug 1944–8 Aug 1945. Combat in Korea, 2 Aug 1950–27 Jul 1953. Combat in Southeast Asia, 18 Feb–26 Apr 1965 and 16 Aug–23 Oct 1965. Provided air defense in Far East region, 1968–.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Guadalcanal; Northern Solomons; Bismarck Archipelago; New Guinea; Leyte; Luzon; Southern Philippines; Western Pacific; China Defensive; China Offensive; Air Combat, Asiatic-Pacific Theater. Korea: UN Defensive; UN Offensive; CCF Intervention; First UN Counteroffensive; CCF Spring Offensive; UN Summer-Fall Offensive; Second Korean Winter; Korea Summer-Fall, 1952; Third Korean Winter; Korea, Summer 1953. Vietnam: Vietnam Advisory; Vietnam Defensive.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Presidential Unit Citation (Navy): Guadalcanal, Aug–Dec 1942. Distinguished Unit Citations: Netherlands East Indies, 7, 20 and 22 Nov 1944; Korea, 3 Nov 1950–24 Jan 1951; Korea, 22 Apr–8 Jul 1951. Presidential Unit Citation: Southeast Asia, 14 Apr–21 Oct 1965. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat “V” Device: 1 Aug 1964–5 Jun 1965; 6 Jun 1965–31 Dec 1966. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Dec 1959–30 Nov 1960; 1 Sep 1962–31 Aug 1963; 1 Jan 1974–31 Dec 1975; 1 Sep 1978–30 Sep 1979; 1 Oct 1979–31 May 1980; 1 Jun 1981–31 May 1983; 1 Jun 1983–31 May 1984; 1 Jun 1984–31 May 1986; 1 Jun 1987–31 May 1989; 1 Jun 1989–31 May 1991. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII). Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citations: [2 Aug] 1950–31 Jan [1951]; 1 Feb 1951–31 Mar 1953. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 1 Apr 1966–28 Jan 1973.

Emblem

A caricatured, White, fighting gamecock with Red comb and wattles, Yellow beak and feet, and tail having three feathers, Orange, Yellow, and Blue respectively, wearing a Blue Green, Light Blue Green, and Black, striped turtleneck sweater and Brown boxing gloves, facing toward sinister, while standing in front of a horizontal bar triparted Red, White, and Blue. COPYRIGHTED—Walt Disney. Approved on 8 Mar 1945 (K 6537).



67th Special Operations Squadron

Constituted 67th Air Rescue Squadron on 17 Oct 1952. Activated on 14 Nov 1952. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 18 Mar 1960. Activated on 10 May 1961. Organized on 18 Jun 1961. Redesignated: 67th Air Recovery Squadron on 1 Aug 1965; 67th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron on 8 Jan 1966; 67th Special Operations Squadron on 1 Jun 1988.

Assignments

9th Air Rescue Group, 14 Nov 1952 (attached to Third Air Force, 15 Nov 1953–24 Jun 1958); Air Rescue Service, 24 Jun 1958–18 Mar 1960. Military Air Transport Service, 10 May 1961; Air Rescue (later, Aerospace Rescue and Recovery) Service, 18 Jun 1961; Atlantic Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Center (later, 40th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Wing), 8 Apr 1967; 39th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery (later, 39th Special Operations) Wing, 17 May 1973 (under operational control of the JCS, 12–27 Jun 1976; attached to Joint Special Operations Task Force: 13 Jan–18 Mar 1991, 6 Apr–10 Jun 1991); 352d Special Operations Group, 1 Dec 1992– (attached to Joint Special Operations Task Force, 2 Mar–12 Jul 1993).

Stations

Sculthorpe RAF Station, England, 14 Nov 1952; Prestwick, Scotland, 7 Nov 1953–18 Mar 1960. Prestwick, Scotland, 18 Jun 1961; Moron AB, Spain, 1 Jul 1966; RAF Woodbridge, England, 15 Jan 1970 (deployed at RAF Akrotiri, Cyprus, 13–27 Jun 1976; Incirlik AB, Turkey, 13 Jan–18 Mar 1991 and 6 Apr–10 Jun 1991); RAF Alconbury, England, 1 Apr 1992– (deployed at Brindisi AB, Italy and Incirlik AB, Turkey, 2 Mar–12 Jul 1993).

Aircraft

SB–29, 1952–1956; C–82, 1952–1953; C–47, 1953–1955; SC–54, 1955–1958; SH–19, 1955–1960; SA–16, 1957–1960. SC–54, 1962; HC–54, 1962–1965, 1966; C–54, 1962–1965; SA–16, 1962; HU–16, 1962–1963; SH–19, 1962; HH–19, 1962–1964; HC–130, 1965–; HH–43, 1966–1969, 1970, 1971–1972; HH–3, 1969–1971; HH–53, 1971–1988.

Operations

Rescue and recovery operations in the European area, including spacecraft recovery in the Atlantic, Oct 1952–Mar 1960 and May 1961–Jun 1988. Supported special operations forces conducting NATO operations over Northern Iraq, 1991 and 1993.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat “V” Device: 14 Jan–23 Mar 1991. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1965–30 Jun 1967; 8 Feb 1969–30 Apr 1970; 1 May 1971–30 Apr 1972; 1 Jul 1972–30 Jun 1974; 1 Jul 1976–30 Jun 1978; 1 Jul 1978–30 Jun 1980; 1 Jun 1985–31 May 1987; 24 Mar 1991–31 Jul 1992; 1 Aug 1992–31 Jul 1993. Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation: 1 Jul 1967–26 Jul 1969.

Emblem

Azure, two mullets of four points in chief bendwise, the sinister diminished by half between in dexter a decrescent Or and surmounted in base by a demi-owl issuant from base Gold Brown garnished Gold, all within a diminished bordure of the second. *MOTTO*: NIGHT OWLS. Approved on 16 Jun 1994 (DFSC 94–02307); replaced emblem approved on 15 Aug 1985.



68th Fighter Squadron

Constituted 68th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) on 20 Nov 1940. Activated on 15 Jan 1941. Redesignated: 68th Fighter Squadron on 15 May 1942; 68th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 20 Aug 1943; 68th Fighter Squadron, Two Engine, on 24 May 1944; 68th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 8 Jan 1946; 68th Fighter Squadron (All Weather) on 20 Feb 1947; 68th Fighter Squadron, All Weather, on 10 Aug 1948; 68th Fighter-All Weather Squadron on 20 Jan 1950; 68th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron on 25 Apr 1951; 68th Tactical Fighter Squadron on 25 Jul 1964. Inactivated on 30 Jun 1971. Activated on 30 Sep 1973. Redesignated 68th Fighter Squadron on 1 Nov 1991.

Assignments

58th Pursuit (later, 58th Fighter) Group, 15 Jan 1941; 347th Fighter Group, 3 Oct 1942; 18th Fighter Group, 1 Nov 1945; 8th Fighter Group, 15 Dec 1945; 347th Fighter Group, 20 Feb 1947 (attached to 315th Composite Wing, 10 Apr–24 Nov 1947; 8th Fighter-Bomber Group, 1 Mar 1950–); Fifth Air Force, 24 Jun 1950 (remained attached to 8th Fighter-Bomber Group to 11 Aug 1950; attached to 49th Fighter-Bomber Group, 11 Aug–30 Sep 1950; 8th Fighter-Bomber Wing, 1 Oct–1 Dec 1950); 314th Air Division, 1 Dec 1950 (attached to 6160th Air Base Wing, 1 Dec 1950–); Japan Air Defense Force, 1 Mar 1952 (remained attached to 6160th Air Base Wing); Fifth Air Force, 1 Sep 1954 (remained attached to 6160th Air Base Wing to 20 Oct 1954; attached to 8th Fighter-Bomber Wing, 20 Oct 1954–1 Mar 1955); 43d Air Division, 1 Mar 1955; 41st Air Division, 1 Oct 1957 (attached to 8th Tactical Fighter Wing, 1 Dec 1961–); Fifth Air Force, 1 Jun 1962 (remained attached to 8th Tactical Fighter Wing to 15 Jun 1964); 32d Tactical Fighter Wing, 16 Jun 1964; 8th Tactical Fighter Wing, 25 Jul 1964 (attached to 6234th Tactical Fighter Wing, c. 27 Aug–6 Dec 1965); 831st Air Division, 6 Dec 1965 (attached to 479th Tactical Fighter Wing, 6 Dec 1965–15 May 1968); 479th Tactical Fighter Wing, 15 May 1968; 4531st Tactical Fighter Wing, 1 Oct 1968 (attached to 354th Tactical Fighter Wing, 20 Jun–9 Dec 1969); 31st Tactical Fighter Wing, 15 Oct 1970; 4403d Tactical Fighter Wing, 30 Oct 1970–30 Jun 1971. 405th Fighter Wing, 30 Sep 1973; 3d Tactical Fighter Wing, 16 Sep 1974; 347th Tactical Fighter Wing, 30 Sep 1975 (attached to 86th Tactical Fighter Wing, 30 May–5 Jul 1990); 347th Operations Group, 1 May 1991–.

Stations

Selfridge Field, MI, 15 Jan 1941; Baton Rouge, LA, 6 Oct 1941; Oakland, CA, 22 Jan–17 Feb 1942; Camp Ascot, Brisbane, Australia, 8 Mar 1942; Amberly Field, Australia, 16 Mar 1942; Tongatabu, Tonga Islands, 16 May–28 Oct 1942; Noumea, New Caledonia, 2 Nov 1942; Guadalcanal, c. 12 Nov 1942; Fiji Islands, 12 Apr 1943 (operated from Guadalcanal, 12 Apr–Dec 1943); Bougainville, Solomon Islands, 4 Feb 1944 (operated from Ondonga, New Georgia, 27 Jan–10 Feb 1944); Middleburg Island, Dutch New Guinea, 17 Aug 1944; San Jose, Mindoro, 23 Feb 1945 (operated from Morotai, 12 Feb–25 Mar 1945); Puerto Princesa, Palawan, 6 Mar 1945; Fukuoka, Japan, 15 Dec 1945; Ashiya, Japan, 20 May 1946; Itazuke, Japan, Sep 1946 (deployed at Miyazaki, Japan, 10–24 Aug 1947, and Tsuiki, Japan, 29 May–9 Jun 1948); Bofu AFB, Japan, 19 Oct 1948; Ashiya AFB, (later, AB), Japan, 3 May 1949;

Itazuke AB, Japan, 1 Apr 1950–15 Jun 1964 (detachments operated at Kimpo, South Korea, 30 Nov 1950–c. Mar 1951 and 27 Jun–24 Aug 1951; at Suwon, South Korea, c. Mar–19 Apr 1951, 23–27 Jun 1951 and 24 Aug 1951–23 Mar 1952; at Taegu, South Korea, 19 Apr–23 Jun 1951; and at Misawa AB, Japan, 9 Apr 1951–12 Feb 1952; entire squadron deployed at Osan AB, South Korea, 18 Jul–c. Aug 1960, 6–16 Mar 1961, 12–22 Jun 1961, 10–21 Sep 1961, and c. 8–18 Dec 1961); George AFB, CA, 16 Jun 1964 (deployed at Korat RTAFB, Thailand, 27 Aug–24 Nov 1965, and at Ubon RTAFB, Thailand, c. 24 Nov–6 Dec 1965); Homestead AFB, FL, 1 Oct 1968 (deployed at Kunsan AB, South Korea, 20 Jun–9 Dec 1969); England AFB, LA, 30 Oct 1970–30 Jun 1971. Clark AB, Philippines, 30 Sep 1973–30 Sep 1975; Moody AFB, GA, 30 Sep 1975– (deployed at Ramstein AB, Germany, 30 May–5 Jul 1990).

Aircraft

P–35, P–36, and P–43, 1941; P–40, 1941–1942, 1942–1943; P–39, 1942–1944; O–47, 1942; P–400, 1942–1943; P–38, 1942–1945; P–51, 1946–1947; P–61, 1947–1950; F–82, 1949–1952; F–94, 1951–1954; F–80, 1953–1954; F–86, 1954–1960; F–102, 1959–1964; F–4, 1964–1968, 1968–1969, 1970; F–100, 1970–1971. F–4, 1975–1987; F–16, 1987–.

Operations

Air defense of Tongatabu, Jun–Oct 1942. Combat in South and Southwest Pacific, 12 Nov 1942–13 Aug 1945. Combat in Korea, 27 Jun 1950–23 Mar 1952. Air defense of southern Japan, Mar 1952–1 Jun 1964. Combat in Southeast Asia, Aug–Dec 1965. Unmanned, 30 Sep 1973–30 Sep 1975. Deployed aircraft and personnel to Saudi Arabia, 26 Jun–22 Dec 1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: China Defensive; Guadalcanal; New Guinea; Northern Solomons; Bismark Archipelago; Western Pacific; Leyte; Luzon; Southern Philippines; China Offensive; Air Combat, Asiatic-Pacific Theater. Korea: UN Defensive; UN Offensive; CCF Intervention; First UN Counteroffensive; CCF Spring Offensive; UN Summer-Fall Offensive; Second Korean Winter. Vietnam: Vietnam Defensive.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: Netherlands East Indies, 7, 20 and 22 Nov 1944. Presidential Unit Citations: Pacific Theater, 7 Aug–9 Dec 1942; Southeast Asia, [25 Aug–22 Oct 1965]. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 12 May 1963–21 Mar 1964; 1 Dec 1965–31 Mar 1967; [1 Oct] 1968–30 Jun 1970; 1 Jan 1977–30 Apr 1978; 1 May 1978–31 May 1979; 23 Feb 1991–22 Feb 1993. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII).

Emblem

On a disc Grayed Light Blue, border Black, a knight in Black armor, wearing Light Red gauntlets, boots, and plume, carrying a White lance, edged and trimmed Black, in the right hand, and holding a spade-typed shield of Light Red, marked with a White cross, in the left hand, while standing, affronte, on jogs in Yellow lightning bolts, pilewise, points toward base, between a Black cloud formation in dexter base and a like formation in sinister base. *MOTTO*: LIGHTNING LANCERS. Approved on 29 Nov 1944 (41595 A.C.).



69th Fighter Squadron

Constituted 69th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) on 20 Nov 1940. Activated on 15 Jan 1941. Redesignated: 69th Fighter Squadron on 15 May 1942; 69th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 20 Aug 1943. Inactivated on 27 Jan 1946. Redesignated 69th Fighter-Bomber Squadron on 25 Jun 1952. Activated on 10 Jul 1952. Inactivated on 1 Jul 1958. Redesignated 69th Tactical Fighter Training Squadron on 22 Aug 1969. Activated on 15 Oct 1969. Inactivated on 16 Mar 1983. Redesignated 69th Tactical Fighter Squadron on 14 Apr 1983. Activated on 1 Jul 1983. Redesignated 69th Fighter Squadron on 1 Nov 1991.

Assignments

58th Pursuit (later, 58th Fighter) Group, 15 Jan 1941–27 Jan 1946. 58th Fighter-Bomber Group, 10 Jul 1952 (attached to Thirteenth Air Force, 26 Jan–16 Feb 1955; Air Task Force Five, Provisional, 17 Feb–9 Mar 1955, Air Task Force Thirteen, Provisional, 2 Apr–2 Jun 1956, c. 11 Oct–30 Nov 1956, 18 Sep 1957–); 58th Fighter-Bomber Wing, 8 Nov 1957–1 Jul 1958 (remained attached to Air Task Force Thirteen, Provisional, to 10 Dec 1957). 58th Tactical Fighter Training (later, 58th Tactical Training) Wing, 15 Oct 1969–16 Mar 1983. 347th Tactical Fighter Wing, 1 Jul 1983 (attached to Tactical Fighter Wing Provisional, 388th, 8 Jan–15 Mar 1991; Tactical Fighter Wing Provisional, 4404th, 16 Mar 1991–); 347th Operations Group, 1 May 1991– (remained attached to 4404th Composite Wing [Provisional] to 30 Jun 1991).

Stations

Selfridge Field, MI, 15 Jan 1941; Harding Field, LA, 6 Oct 1941; Dale Mabry Field, FL, 3 Mar 1942; Drew Field, FL, 19 Jun 1942; Sarasota, FL, c. 25 Jul 1942; Dale Mabry Field, FL, 26 Sep 1942; Richmond AAB, VA, 16 Oct 1942; Philadelphia Muni Aprt, PA, 4 Nov 1942; Bradley Field, CT, c. 5 Mar 1943; Bedford AAFld, MA, 1 May 1943; Suffolk County AB, NY, 28 Aug 1943; Grenier Field, NH, c. 15 Sep–22 Oct 1943; Brisbane, Australia, 21 Nov 1943; Dobodura, New Guinea, 29 Dec 1943; Saidor, New Guinea, 3 Apr 1944; Noemfoor, 6 Sep 1944; San Roque, Leyte, 18 Nov 1944; San Jose, Mindoro, 22 Dec 1944; Mangaldan, Luzon, c. 8 Apr 1945; Porac, Luzon, c. 17 Apr 1945; Okinawa, 8 Jul 1945; Japan, 26 Oct 1945; Manila, Philippines, 28 Dec 1945–27 Jan 1946. Taegu AB, South Korea, 10 Jul 1952 (deployed at Clark AB, Philippines, 26 Jan–16 Feb 1955; Chia Yi Field, Formosa, 17 Feb–c. 8 Mar 1955); Osan-Ni AB (later, Osan AB), South Korea, 9 Mar 1955–1 Jul 1958 (deployed at Tainan AB, Taiwan, 2 Apr–2 Jun 1956 and c. 11 Oct–30 Nov 1956; Kimpo AB, South Korea, 19 Jul–10 Sep 1957; Tainan AB, Taiwan, 18 Sep–4 Nov 1957; Chia Yi AB, Taiwan, 5 Nov–10 Dec 1957). Luke AFB, AZ, 15 Oct 1969–16 Mar 1983. Moody AFB, GA, 1 Jul 1983– (deployed at Al Minhad, United Arab Emirates, 8–28 Jan 1991; King Fahd AB, Saudi Arabia, 29 Jan–4 Mar 1991; Al Minhad, United Arab Emirates, 5–15 Mar 1991; Al Khaj, Saudi Arabia, 16 Mar–15 Jun 1991; Dhahran AB, Saudi Arabia, 16–30 Jun 1991).

Aircraft

P-35, 1941–1942; P-36, 1941–1942; P-39, 1941–1942; P-40, 1942–1943; P-47, 1943–1945. F-84, 1952–1954; F-86, 1954–1958. F-104, 1969–1983. F-4, 1983–1988; F-16, 1988–.

Operations

Operational and replacement training unit, Mar 1942–Apr 1943. Combat in Southwest and Western Pacific, 17 Feb 1944–14 Aug 1945. Combat in Korea, 10 Jul 1952–27 Jul 1953. Air defense in South Korea, Jul 1953–Jun 1958. Advanced training in F-104s for German pilots, 1969–1983. Combat in Southwest Asia, Jan–Feb 1991.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Japan; New Guinea; Bismarck Archipelago; Western Pacific; Leyte; Luzon; Southern Philippines; China Offensive. Korea: Korea Summer-Fall, 1952; Third Korean Winter; Korea, Summer 1953. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Philippine Islands, 26 Dec 1944; Korea, 1 May–27 Jul 1953. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 15 Oct–31 Dec 1969; 1 Jan 1971–31 Dec 1972; 1 Jan 1975–31 Dec 1976; 1 Jan 1978–31 Dec 1979; 23 Feb 1991–22 Feb 1993. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII). Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation: 10 Jul 1952–31 Mar 1953.

Emblem

Gray, a cartoon werewolf head caboshed Buff, hair, pupils and inner ear Sable, langued, nose and ears Gules, armed Argent; all within a diminished bordure of the third. Approved on 20 Sep 1990 (DFSC 91–03930); replaced emblems approved on 17 Oct 1983 (DFSC 84–05580) and 25 Jun 1942 (45450 A.C.).



70th Fighter Squadron

Constituted 70th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) on 14 Dec 1940. Activated on 1 Jan 1941. Redesignated: 70th Fighter Squadron on 15 May 1942; 70th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 20 Aug 1943; 70th Fighter Squadron, Two Engine, on 24 May 1944. Inactivated on 26 Dec 1945. Redesignated 70th Tactical Fighter Squadron on 8 Sep 1975. Activated on 30 Sep 1975. Redesignated 70th Fighter Squadron on 1 Nov 1991.

Assignments

35th Pursuit Group, 1 Jan 1941–15 Jan 1942; US Army Forces in Fiji, 28 Jan 1942; 347th Fighter Group, 3 Oct 1942; 18th Fighter Group, 30 Mar 1943; 347th Fighter Group, 1 Nov–26 Dec 1945. 347th Tactical Fighter Wing, 30 Sep 1975 (attached to 86th Tactical Fighter Wing, 29 Aug–28 Sep 1989); 347th Operations Group, 1 May 1991–.

Stations

Hamilton Field, CA, 1 Jan 1941–12 Jan 1942; Fiji, 29 Jan 1942 (operated from Guadalcanal, 21 Dec 1942–Apr 1943); Guadalcanal, 6 Apr 1943; New Georgia, 18 Oct 1943; Sansapor, New Guinea, 23 Aug 1944 (operated from Morotai, 9 Nov 1944–16 Jan 1945); Lingayen, Luzon, 19 Jan 1945; San Jose, Mindoro, 26 Feb 1945; Zamboanga, Mindanao, 4 May 1945; Puerto Princesa, Palawan, 10 Nov–26 Dec 1945. Moody AFB, GA, 30 Sep 1975– (deployed at Ramstein AB, Germany, 29 Aug–28 Sep 1989).

Aircraft

P–36, 1941; P–39, 1942–1944; P–40, 1943; P–38, 1943–1945; RA–24, 1944. F–4, 1975–1987; F–16, 1987–.

Operations

Air Defense of Fiji, Feb–Dec 1942. Combat in South and Southwest Pacific, 21 Dec 1942–21 Jul 1944, and 9 Sep 1944–9 Aug 1945. Deployed aircraft and personnel to Southwest Asia, 10 Jan–16 Sep 1992.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: China Defensive; Guadalcanal; New Guinea; Northern Solomons; Bismarck Archipelago; Western Pacific; Leyte; Luzon; Southern Philippines; Air Combat, Asiatic-Pacific Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamer.

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: Philippine Islands, 10–11 Nov 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jan 1977–30 Apr 1978; 1 May 1978–31 May 1979; 23 Feb 1991–22 Feb 1993. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII).

Emblem

On an Ultramarine Blue disc, border Yellow Orange, a knight in armor on the back of a White charger with Yellow Orange wings, galloping toward dexter, while holding a lance in the form of a large, jagged, Yellow Orange lightning flash. *MOTTO*: WHITE KNIGHTS. Approved on 17 May 1945 (29592 A.C.).



71st Fighter Squadron

Constituted as 71st Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) on 14 Dec 1940. Activated on 1 Jan 1941. Redesignated 71st Pursuit Squadron (Fighter) on 12 Mar 1941; 71st Fighter Squadron (Twin Engine) on 15 May 1942; 71st Fighter Squadron, Two Engine, on 28 Feb 1944. Inactivated on 16 Oct 1945. Redesignated: 71st Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 5 Apr 1946; 71st Fighter Squadron, Jet Propelled, on 20 Jun 1946. Activated on 3 Jul 1946. Redesignated: 71st Fighter Squadron, Jet, on 15 Jun 1948; 71st Fighter-Interceptor Squadron on 16 Apr 1950; 71st Tactical Fighter Squadron on 1 Jul 1971; 71st Fighter Squadron on 1 Nov 1991.

Assignments

1st Pursuit (later, 1st Fighter) Group, 1 Jan 1941–16 Oct 1945. 1st Fighter (later, 1st Fighter-Interceptor) Group, 3 Jul 1946 (attached to Eastern Air Defense Force, 15 Aug–24 Oct 1950; 30th Air Division, 25 Oct 1950–3 Jun 1951; 103d Fighter-Interceptor Group, 4 Jun 1951–6 Feb 1952); 4708th Defense (later, 4708th Air Defense) Wing, 6 Feb 1952; 500th Air Defense Group, 16 Feb 1953; 1st Fighter Group, 18 Aug 1955; 1st Fighter Wing, 1 Feb 1961; 328th Fighter Wing, 16 Jan 1967; 28th Air Division, 18 Jul 1968 (attached to 314th Air Division, c. 22 Dec 1968–c. 9 Jun 1969); 24th Air Division, 19 Nov 1969; 1st Tactical Fighter Wing, 1 Jul 1971 (attached to 1st Tactical Fighter Wing (Provisional), 7 Aug 1990–8 Mar 1991); 1st Operations Group, 1 Oct 1991–.

Stations

Selfridge Field, MI, 1 Jan 1940; San Diego NAS, CA, 9 Dec 1941; Los Angeles, CA, 12 Feb–20 May 1942; Goxhill, England, 10 Jun 1942; Ibsley, England, 24 Aug–23 Oct 1942; St Leu, Algeria, 8 Nov 1942; Tafaraoui, Algeria, 14 Nov 1942; Nouvion, Algeria, 21 Nov 1942; Maison Blanche, Algeria, 17 Dec 1942; Biskra, Algeria, 22 Dec 1942; Chateaudun-du-Rhumel, Algeria, 16 Feb 1943; Mateur, Tunisia, 28 Jun 1943 (detachments operated from Gerbini, Sicily, 5–18 Sep 1943, and Gambut, Libya, 5–15 Oct 1943); Djedeida, Tunisia, 31 Oct 1943; Monserrato, Sardinia, 29 Nov 1943; Gioia del Colle, Italy, 8 Dec 1943; Salsola, Italy, 9 Jan 1944 (detachments operated from Aghione, Corsica, 11–21 Aug 1944, and Vincenzo, Italy, 10 Jan–18 Feb 1945); Lesina, Italy, 14 Mar 1945; Marcianise, Italy, 26 Sep–16 Oct 1945. March Field, CA, 3 Jul 1946; George AFB, CA, 18 Jul 1950; Griffiss AFB, NY, 15 Aug 1950; Greater Pittsburgh Aprt, PA, 21 Oct 1950; Selfridge AFB, MI, 18 Aug 1955; Richards-Gebaur AFB, MO, 16 Jan 1967; Malmstrom AFB, MT, 18 Jul 1968 (deployed at Osan AB, South Korea, c. 22 Dec 1968–c. 9 Jun 1969); MacDill AFB, FL, 1 Jul 1971; Langley AFB, VA, 30 Jun 1975–(operated from King Abdul Aziz AB, Saudi Arabia, 7 Aug 1990–8 Mar 1991).

Aircraft

P–35, 1941; YP–43, 1941; P–38, 1941–1945. P–80, 1946–1949; F–86, 1949–1958; F–102, 1958–1960; F–106, 1960–1971; F–4, 1971–1975; F–15, 1976–.

Operations

Antisubmarine patrols, 15–30 Dec 1941; combat in ETO and MTO, 1 Sep 1942–3 May 1945. Air defense, Jul 1950–Jun 1971. F–4 replacement training, 1 Jul 1971–29 Jun 1975. Combat in Southwest Asia, Jan–Feb 1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater; Egypt-Libya; Air Offensive, Europe; Algeria-French Morocco; Tunisia; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Anzio; Rome-Arno; Normandy; Northern France; Southern France; North Apennines; Rhineland; Central Europe; Po Valley; Air Combat, EAME Theater. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Italy, 25 Aug 1943; Italy, 30 Aug 1943; Ploesti, Rumania, 18 May 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jun 1967–1 Apr 1968; 15 Jun 1982–15 Jun 1984; 16 June 1984–15 Jun 1986; 1 May 1989–30 Apr 1991; 1 May 1992–30 Apr 1994.

Emblem

On a Medium Blue disc with Yellow border, a winged, mailed gauntlet in flight toward dexter base, with jet exhaust trail, all proper. Approved on 10 Oct 1947 (DFSC 87–10411).



71st Rescue Squadron

Constituted 71st Air Rescue Squadron on 17 Oct 1952. Activated on 14 Nov 1952. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 18 Mar 1960. Redesignated 71st Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron on 25 Nov 1969. Activated on 8 Mar 1970. Redesignated 71st Air Rescue Squadron on 1 Jun 1989. Inactivated on 30 Jun 1991. Activated on 1 Oct 1991. Redesignated 71st Rescue Squadron on 1 Feb 1993.

Assignments

10th Air Rescue Group, 14 Nov 1952 (attached to Alaskan Air Command for operational control, 1 Aug 1954–23 May 1958); Air Rescue Service, 21 Oct 1957–18 Mar 1960. 39th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Wing, 8 Mar 1970 (attached to Det 1, 39th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Wing, 8 Mar 1970–30 Jun 1971; Elmendorf Rescue Coordination Center, 1 Jul 1971–24 Jun 1972; Alaskan Air Command Rescue Coordination Center, 25 Jun 1972–30 Jun 1991); 41st Aerospace Rescue and Recovery (later, 41st Rescue and Weather Reconnaissance) Wing, 1 Jul 1974; Air Rescue Service, 1 Aug 1989–30 Jun 1991. Air Rescue Service, 1 Oct 1991; 1st Operations Group, 1 Feb 1993; 1st Rescue Group, 14 Jun 1995–.

Stations

Elmendorf AFB, AK, 14 Nov 1952–18 Mar 1960. Elmendorf AFB, AK, 8 Mar 1970–30 Jun 1991. Patrick AFB, FL, 1 Oct 1991–.

Aircraft

SA-16, 1952–1960; H-5, 1954–1955; C-54, 1954–1955; SH-19, 1954–1956; SC-54, 1955–1958; SH-21, 1956–1960. HC-130, 1970–1987; HH-3, 1975–1991; CH-3, 1976–1979, 1981–1990. HC-130, 1991–.

Operations

Search, rescue and recovery in Alaska, 1952–1960 and 1970–1991. Aerial refueling for search and rescue, 1991–. Supported the combat search and rescue mission in Southwest Asia with aircraft and crews, 1992–.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 7–20 May 1956; 1 Jul 1972–30 Jun 1974; 1 Jul 1974–31 May 1975; 1 Sep 1975–1 May 1977; 16 Jul 1977–16 Jul 1979; 17 Jun 1979–15 Jun 1981; 1 Apr 1984–31 Mar 1986; 1 Apr 1987–31 Mar 1988; 1 Feb 1993–30 Apr 1994.

Emblem

Celeste gridlined as a globe Argent axis bendwise, the cypher K Or shaded Argent bearing in dexter chief a crown of the second lined Gules turned Azure; all within a diminished bordure Yellow. Approved on 8 Jun 1995; replaced emblem approved on 15 Jun 1956 (negative number not available).



72d Bomb Squadron

Organized as 72d Aero Squadron on 18 Feb 1918. Demobilized on 11 Jul 1919. Reconstituted, and consolidated (1924) with the 72d Bombardment Squadron, which was constituted on 6 Feb 1923. Activated on 1 May 1923. Redesignated: 72d Bombardment Squadron (Medium) on 6 Dec 1939; 72d Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 20 Nov 1940; 72d Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, on 6 Mar 1944; 72d Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, on 30 Apr 1946. Inactivated on 10 Mar 1947. Redesignated 72d Reconnaissance Squadron, Very Long Range, Photographic, on 16 Sep 1947. Activated on 13 Oct 1947. Redesignated: 72d Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, Photographic, on 23 Feb 1949; 72d Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, Heavy, on 14 Nov 1950; 72d Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, on 1 Oct 1955. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 1 Feb 1963. Redesignated 72d Bomb Squadron on 30 Nov 1994. Activated on 1 Dec 1994.

Assignments

Unkn, 18 Feb–Sep 1918; 1st Air Depot, Sep 1918–Jun 1919; unkn, Jun–11 Jul 1919. 5th Composite Group, 1 May 1923; 19th Bombardment Group (attached to 5th Composite Group), 24 Jun 1932; 5th Bombardment (later, 5th Reconnaissance) Group, 12 Oct 1938–10 Mar 1947. Alaskan Air Command, 13 Oct 1947; 311th Air Division, 1 Apr 1949; 5th Strategic Reconnaissance Group, 28 Jun 1949 (attached to 5th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, 10 Feb 1951–15 Jun 1952); 5th Strategic Reconnaissance (later, 5th Bombardment) Wing, 16 Jun 1952; 4134th Strategic Wing, 1 Jul 1958–1 Feb 1963. 5th Operations Group, 1 Dec 1994–.

Stations

Waco, TX, 18 Feb 1918; Rich Field, TX, 23 Feb 1918; Garden City, NY, 16 Jul–13 Aug 1918; St Maixent, France, 4 Sep 1918; Delouze, France, 20 Sep 1918; Colombey-les-Belles, France, 30 Sep 1918–Jun 1919 (detachment at Bar-le-Duc, 4 Oct–1 Dec 1918); Mitchel Field, NY, c. 29 Jun–11 Jul 1919. Luke Field, TH, 1 May 1923; Hickam Field, TH, 4 Jan 1939; Bellows Field, TH, 11 Dec 1941–18 Sep 1942; Espiritu Santo, 24 Sep 1942 (operated from Guadalcanal, 4 Oct 1942–8 Aug 1943; 7 Oct–15 Nov 1943; 13 Dec 1943–27 Jan 1944); Munda, New Georgia, 9 Jan 1944; Momote Airfield, Los Negros, 15 Apr 1944; Wadke, c. 19 Aug 1944; Noemfoor, 27 Sep 1944; Morotai, 24 Oct 1944; Samar, 20 Mar 1945; Clark Field, Luzon, Dec 1945–10 Mar 1947. Ladd Field, AK, 13 Oct 1947; Mountain Home AFB, ID, 28 Jun 1949; Fairfield-Suisun (later, Travis) AFB, CA, 9 Nov 1949 (deployed at Andersen AFB, Guam, 14 Jan–12 Apr 1955); Mather AFB, CA, 1 Jul 1958–1 Feb 1963. Minot AFB, ND, 1 Dec 1994–.

Aircraft

In addition to DH–4, included NBS–1 and LB–5 during period 1923–1929; primarily B–4, B–5, and LB–6 during period 1929–1936; B–12, 1936–1938; B–18, 1938–1942; B–17, 1941, 1942–1943; B–24, 1943–1945. B–29, 1947–1951; F–13, 1947–1948; RB–36, 1951–1955; B/RB–36, 1955–1958; B–52, 1958–1963.

Operations

Air park in Zone of Advance, 1918–1919. Bombed lava flowing from Mauna Loa, thus diverting it from the city of Hilo, 27 Dec 1935. Patrols over the Pacific, 7 Dec 1941–Sep 1942 and 8 Aug–2 Oct 1943. Combat in South and Southwest Pacific, 26 Sep 1942–6 Aug 1943; 4 Oct–15 Nov 1943; 24 Dec

1943–2 Apr 1944; and in Southwest and Western Pacific, 18 Apr 1944–12 Aug 1945. Not Operational, 1946–1947.

Service Streamers

World War I Theater of Operations.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Central Pacific; Guadalcanal; China Defensive; New Guinea; Northern Solomons; Eastern Mandates; Bismarck Archipelago; Western Pacific; Leyte; Luzon; Southern Philippines; China Offensive; Air Combat, Asiatic-Pacific Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Woleai Island, 18 Apr–15 May 1944; Borneo, 30 Sep 1944. Presidential Unit Citation (Navy): [1942]. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII).

Emblem

Sable, three storm clouds one and two issuing to base from the upper cloud and behind the sinister cloud two lightning flashes palewise forming the numeral “72” Argent; all within a diminished bordure of the last. Approved on 14 Feb 1924 (49983 A.C.).



72d Helicopter Squadron

Constituted 72d Liaison Squadron on 2 Apr 1943. Activated on 11 Apr 1943. Inactivated on 31 Mar 1946. Activated on 3 Oct 1946. Inactivated on 1 Apr 1949. Redesignated 72d Helicopter Flight, and activated, on 1 Nov 1991. Redesignated 72d Helicopter Squadron on 1 Oct 1992.

Assignments

26th Reconnaissance Group, 11 Apr 1943; I Air Support Command (later, I Tactical Air Division; III Tactical Air Division), 11 Aug 1943; Army Air Forces, MTO, Jun 1944 (attached to Seventh Army for operations, c. Aug–12 Dec 1944); US Strategic Air Forces in Europe, 1 Nov 1944; Ninth Air Force, 12 Dec 1944 (attached to Sixth Army Group for operations, 22 Dec 1944–14 May 1945; Twelfth Army Group, 15 May–12 Jun 1945); XII Tactical Air Command, 20 May 1945; US Forces, European Theater, 3 Jul 1945; Third Air Force, 4 Aug 1945; XIX Tactical Air Command, 11 Jan 1946; Tactical Air Command, 21 Mar 1946; Ninth Air Force, 28–31 Mar 1946. Ninth Air Force, 3 Oct 1946–1 Apr 1949 (attached to First Air Force, 15 Jan–1 Feb 1949; 363d Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, 9 Mar–1 Apr 1949). 1st Operations Group, 1 Nov 1991–.

Stations

New Cumberland AAFld, PA, 11 Apr 1943; Reading AAFld, PA, 7 Jun 1943; Camp MacKall, NC, 29 Jul 1943; Knollwood Field, NC, 13 Sep 1943; Sky Harbor Airport, TN, 18 Oct 1943; Raleigh-Durham AAFld, NC, 27 Feb–24 Apr 1944; Oran, Algeria, 14 Jun 1944; Santa Maria, Italy, 11 Jul 1944 (flight operated at Caserta, Italy, c. 28 Jul–c. 1 Sep 1944); St Tropez, France, 19 Aug 1944; Brignoles, France, 21 Aug 1944; Grenoble, France, 2 Sep 1944; Lons-le-Saunier, France, 8 Sep 1944; Vesoul, France, 18 Sep 1944; Epinal, France, 30 Sep 1944 (detachment at Charmes, France, 29 Sep–3 Oct 1944 and at Luneville, France, 3 Oct–24 Nov 1944); Buhl, France, 1 Dec 1944 (detachment at Steinbourg, France, c. 8 Dec 1944–1 Jan 1945); Epinal, France, 2 Jan 1945 (detachment at Luneville, France, Jan–10 Mar 1945); Buhl, France, 11 Mar 1945; Sarreguemines, France, 22 Mar 1945; Kaiserlautern, Germany, 26 Mar 1945; Darmstadt, Germany, 1 Apr 1945; Kitzingen, Germany, 15 Apr 1945; Gmund, Germany, 27 Apr 1945; Augsburg, Germany, 2 May 1945; Darmstadt, Germany, Jun–c. 2 Jul 1945; Drew Field, FL, 4 Aug 1945; Muskogee AAFld, OK, 1 Sep 1945; Marshall Field, KS, 1 Nov 1945–31 Mar 1946. Brooks Field, TX, 3 Oct 1946; Langley Field (later, AFB), VA, 20 Dec 1946–1 Apr 1949. Langley AFB, VA, 1 Nov 1991–.

Aircraft

L–1, 1943–1944; L–4, 1943–1944; L–5, 1943–1945, 1945–1946; L–6, 1943–1944; RA–24, 1943–1944. L–5, 1946–1949; L–13, 1947–1948; R–6, 1948; H–5, 1948–1949. UH–1, 1991–.

Operations

Combat in MTO and ETO, Aug 1944–May 1945. Transported personnel and equipment, as well as provided search and rescue assistance, Nov 1991–.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Rome-Arno; Northern France; Southern France with Arrowhead; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Army Meritorious Unit Commendation: 15 Aug–31 Dec 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award: 1 May 1992–30 Apr 1994.

Emblem

Azure, a maltese cross per bend Vert and Vert four bendlets Sable fimbriated Or surmounted by a bald eagle perched and elevated on a billiard eight-ball in base both proper; all within a diminished bordure of the fourth. Approved on 19 Jul 1993; replaced emblem approved on 6 Nov 1943 (K 2843).



74th Fighter Squadron

Constituted 74th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) on 17 Dec 1941. Redesignated 74th Fighter Squadron on 15 May 1942. Activated on 4 Jul 1942. Redesignated 74th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 28 Feb 1944. Inactivated on 5 Jan 1946. Activated on 10 Oct 1946. Inactivated on 24 Sep 1949. Redesignated 74th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron on 19 Dec 1950. Activated on 12 Jan 1951. Inactivated on 25 Jun 1958. Redesignated 74th Tactical Fighter Squadron on 18 May 1972. Activated on 1 Jul 1972. Redesignated 74th Fighter Squadron on 1 Nov 1991. Inactivated on 15 Feb 1992. Activated on 15 Jun 1993.

Assignments

23d Fighter Group, 4 Jul 1942–5 Jan 1946. 23d Fighter Group, 10 Oct 1946–24 Sep 1949 (attached to 20th [later, 46th] Fighter Wing, Dec 1947–16 Aug 1948). 23d Fighter-Interceptor Group, 12 Jan 1951; 4711th Defense Wing, 6 Feb 1952; 528th Air Defense Group, 16 Feb 1953; 64th Air Division, 21 Aug 1954; 4734th Air Defense Group, 1 Apr 1957; 64th Air Division, 1 May–25 Jun 1958. 23d Tactical Fighter (later, 23d Fighter) Wing, 1 Jul 1972–15 Feb 1992 (attached to 354th Tactical Fighter Wing, 2 Jul–28 Dec 1973 and to Tactical Fighter Wing, 23, Provisional, 20 Dec 1990–20 Apr 1991). 23d Operations Group, 15 Jun 1993–.

Stations

Kunming, China, 4 Jul 1942; Yunnani, China, 12 Mar 1943; Kweilin, China, 19 May 1943 (detachment operated from Liuchow, China, 16 Feb–30 Apr 1944); Luliang, China, 12 Sep 1944 (detachment operated from Tushan, China, Mar–Aug 1945); Liuchow, China, c. Aug 1945; Hangchow, China, c. 15 Oct–4 Dec 1945; Ft Lewis, Wash, 3–5 Jan 1946. Northwest Field (later, Northwest Guam AFB), Guam, 10 Oct 1946–3 Apr 1949; Howard AFB, CZ, 25 Apr–24 Sep 1949. Presque Isle AFB, ME, 12 Jan 1951–19 Aug 1954; Thule AB, Greenland, 20 Aug 1954–25 Jun 1958. England AFB, LA, 1 Jul 1972–15 Feb 1992 (deployed at Korat RTAFB, Thailand, 2 Jul–28 Dec 1973 and to King Fahd Aprt, Saudi Arabia, 29 Aug 1990–20 Apr 1991). Pope AFB, NC, 15 Jun 1993–.

Aircraft

P–40, 1942–1944; P–51, 1944–1945. P–47, 1946–1949; RF–80, 1949. F–86, 1951–1952; F–89, 1952; F–94, 1952–1953; F–89, 1953–1958. A–7, 1972–1981; A–10, 1980–1992.

Operations

Combat in CBI, 16 Jul 1942–10 Aug 1945. Air defense, 1946–1949 and 1951–1958. Combat in Southeast Asia, 8 Jul–15 Aug 1973. Combat in Southwest Asia, Jan–Feb 1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: India-Burma; China Defensive; Western Pacific; China Offensive. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: Hunan Province, China, 17–25 Jun 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1980–30 Jun 1981; 1 Jul 1981–30 Jun 1983; 1 Apr 1989–31 Mar 1991. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm, 2 Jul–21 Dec 1972.

Emblem

On a Blue disc edged with a narrow Yellow border, a White sun with twelve pointed rays fimbriated Yellow from which emerges within a Red burst, the head and forepaws of an Orange Bengal tiger with paws outstretched, detailed Black, White eye, ear, teeth and claws, Red tongue and pupil, wearing a top hat of Blue, White and Red with White five pointed stars. *MOTTO*: FLYING TIGERS. Approved on 4 May 1979 (KE 68594); replaced emblem approved on 24 Sep 1952 (K 6607).



75th Airlift Squadron

Constituted 75th Ferrying Squadron (Special) on 30 Jan 1943. Activated on 8 Feb 1943. Redesignated 75th Transport Transition Squadron on 4 Jun 1943. Disbanded on 31 Mar 1944. Reconstituted, and redesignated 75th Air Transport Squadron, Medium, on 20 Jun 1952. Activated on 20 Jul 1952. Redesignated: 75th Air Transport Squadron, Heavy, on 8 Oct 1953; 75th Military Airlift Squadron on 8 Jan 1966; 75th Airlift Squadron on 1 Nov 1991.

Assignments

2d Operational Training Unit, Air Transport Command, 8 Feb 1943–31 Mar 1944. 1701st Air Transport Group, 20 Jul 1952; 1501st Air Transport Group, 16 May 1953; 1501st Air Transport Wing, 18 Jan 1963; 60th Military Airlift Wing, 8 Jan 1966; 60th Military Airlift Group, 6 Mar 1978; 60th Military Airlift Wing, 15 Feb 1979; 60th Operations Group, 1 Nov 1991; 86th Operations Group, 1 Oct 1993–.

Stations

Homestead AAB, FL, 8 Feb 1943–31 Mar 1944. Great Falls AFB, MT, 20 Jul 1952; Travis AFB, CA, c. 28 Apr 1953–1 Oct 1993; Ramstein AB, Germany, 1 Oct 1993–.

Aircraft

Primarily C–46 and C–54, 1943–1944; but also included AT–6, 1943; AT–17, 1943; B–24, 1943–1944; C–36, 1943; C–39, 1943; C–49, 1943; C–57, 1943; C–60, 1943–1944; C/UC–78, 1943; and C–87, 1943–1944. C–54, 1952–1953; C–97, 1953–1960; C–124, 1960–1965; C–141, 1965–1971; C–5, 1970–.

Operations

Operational training and air transport of cargo during World War II. Began airlift to Alaska and throughout the Pacific in 1952. Flew almost exclusively to Southeast Asia, Oct 1965–Apr 1975. Supported operations in Panama, 20 Dec 1989; and Southwest Asia, Aug 1990–.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamer

Panama, 1989–1990.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jan–31 Dec 1962; 1 Jul 1965–30 Jun 1966; 1 Jul 1966–30 Jun 1967; 1 Jul 1967–30 Jun 1968; 1 Jul 1974–30 Jun 1975; 1 Jul 1975–30 Jun 1977; 16 Dec 1989–31 Jan 1990; 1 Jul 1990–30 Jun 1992. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 1 Apr 1966–28 Jan 1973.

Emblem

On a Medium Blue disc bordered Air Force Blue, an Air Force Golden Yellow sun issuing from dexter chief and three White stars in sinister chief, above a small land area in dexter and a larger one issuing from sinister base, both White edged Air Force Golden Yellow, and connected by a Red dotted line; over all, a caricatured Air Force Golden Yellow kangaroo in profile, jumping, outlines and details Air Force Blue, wearing a White mailed gauntlet on his left forepaw; outlines and details Air Force Blue throughout. *MOTTO*: SUSTINERE EST DEFENDERE—To Support is to Defend. Approved on 3 Nov 1959, reinstated on 30 Apr 1962 (K 13138); replaced emblem approved on 28 Nov 1961 (162438 A.C.).



75th Fighter Squadron

Constituted 75th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) on 17 Dec 1941. Redesignated 75th Fighter Squadron on 15 May 1942. Activated on 4 Jul 1942. Redesignated 75th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 28 Feb 1944. Inactivated on 5 Jan 1946. Activated on 10 Oct 1946. Redesignated 75th Fighter Squadron, Jet, on 3 May 1949. Inactivated on 24 Sep 1949. Redesignated 75th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron on 19 Dec 1950. Activated on 12 Jan 1951. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 30 Jun 1968. Activated on 30 Sep 1968. Inactivated on 30 Nov 1969. Redesignated 75th Tactical Fighter Squadron on 18 May 1972. Activated on 1 Jul 1972. Redesignated 75th Fighter Squadron on 1 Nov 1991. Inactivated on 2 Dec 1991. Activated on 1 Apr 1992.

Assignments

23d Fighter Group, 4 Jul 1942–5 Jan 1946. 23d Fighter Group, 10 Oct 1946–24 Sep 1949 (attached to 20th [later, 46th] Fighter Wing, Dec 1947–16 Aug 1948). 23d Fighter-Interceptor Group, 12 Jan 1951; 4711th Defense Wing, 6 Feb 1952; 4709th Defense Wing, 14 Oct 1952; 519th Air Defense Group, 16 Feb 1953; 23d Fighter Group, 18 Aug 1955; Bangor Air Defense Sector, 1 Jul 1959; 36th Air Division, 1 Apr 1966–30 Jun 1968. 34th Air Division, 30 Sep 1968–30 Nov 1969. 23d Tactical Fighter (later, 23d Fighter) Wing, 1 Jul 1972–2 Dec 1991. 23d Fighter Wing, 1 Apr 1992; 23d Operations Group, 1 Jun 1992–.

Stations

Hengyang, China, 4 Jul 1942; Chanyi, China, 17 Aug 1942; Yunani, China, 20 Jan 1943; Lingling, China, 31 Mar 1943; Kunming, China, 26 Apr 1943; Kweilin, China, 11 Oct 1943; Hengyang, China, c. Nov 1943; Lingling, China, 10 Jun 1944; Kweilin, China, 25 Jun 1944; Luliang, China, 12 Sep 1944; Luichow, China, Aug 1945; Hangchow, China, 10 Oct–10 Dec 1945; Ft Lewis, WA, 3–5 Jan 1946. Northwest Field (later, Northwest Guam AFB), Guam, 10 Oct 1946–3 Apr 1949; Howard AFB, CZ, 25 Apr–24 Sep 1949. Presque Isle AFB, ME, 12 Jan 1951; Suffolk County AFB, NY, 16 Oct 1952; Presque Isle AFB, ME, 18 Aug 1955; Dow AFB, ME, 25 Jun 1959–30 Jun 1968. Wurtsmith AFB, MI, 30 Sep 1968–30 Nov 1969. England AFB, LA, 1 Jul 1972–2 Dec 1991. Pope AFB, NC, 1 Apr 1992–.

Aircraft

P-40, 1942–1944; P-51, 1944–1945. P-47, 1946–1949; RF-80, 1949. F-86, 1951–1955; F-89, 1955–1959; F-101, 1958–1968. F-101, 1968–1969. A-7, 1972–1981; A-10, 1980–1991. A/OA-10, 1992–.

Operations

Combat in CBI, 6 Jul 1942–14 Aug 1945. Air Defense, 1946–1949, 1951–1968, and 1968–1969.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: India-Burma; China Defensive; Western Pacific; China Offensive.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: Hunan Province, China, 17–25 Jun 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1980–30 Jun 1981; 1 Jul 1981–30 Jun 1983; 1 Apr 1989–31 Mar 1991.

Emblem

On a Black disc with an inner White border a tiger shark (White with Blue and Black markings and Red eye) swimming to dexter and firing Yellow tipped White rockets from its lateral fins. Approved on 27 Feb 1953 (K 7070).



76th Airlift Squadron

Constituted 76th Ferrying Squadron (Special) on 30 Jan 1943. Activated on 8 Feb 1943. Redesignated 76th Transport Transition Squadron on 4 Jun 1943. Disbanded on 31 Mar 1944. Reconstituted, and redesignated 76th Air Transport Squadron, Medium, on 20 Jun 1952. Activated on 20 Jul 1952. Redesignated: 76th Military Airlift Squadron on 8 Jan 1966; 76th Airlift Squadron on 1 Oct 1991.

Assignments

2d Operational Training Unit, 8 Feb 1943–31 Mar 1944. 1700th Air Transport Group, 20 Jul 1952; 1608th Air Transport Group, 1 Feb 1956; 1608th Air Transport Wing, 18 Jan 1963; 437th Military Airlift Wing, 8 Jan 1966; 437th Operations Group, 1 Oct 1991; 86th Operations Group, 1 Oct 1993–.

Stations

Homestead AAB, FL, 8 Feb 1943–31 Mar 1944. Kelly AFB, TX, 20 Jul 1952; Charleston AFB, SC, 1 Feb 1956–1 Oct 1993; Ramstein AB, Germany, 1 Oct 1993–.

Aircraft

C–46, 1943; C–49, 1943; AT–17, 1943; C–54, 1943–1944; C–60, 1943–1944; C–87, 1943–1944; B–24, 1943–1944. C–54, 1952–1956; C–121, 1956–1963; C–130, 1963–1966; C–141, 1966–.

Operations

Trained transport flight crews, Feb 1943–Mar 1944. Worldwide airlift beginning 1952. Transported UN troops to Suez Canal, Nov 1956. Supported Operations in Southeast Asia, 1966–1973, and the evacuation of Saigon, May 1975. Airlift Operations to Grenada, Oct–Dec 1983; Panama, 18–28 Dec 1989; and Southwest Asia, Aug 1990–Dec 1991.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Panama, 1989–1990.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jan 1963–1 Feb 1964; 11 Jul 1966–10 Jul 1967; 11 Jul 1967–10 Jul 1968; 11 Jul 1968–12 Jun 1969; 13 Jun 1969–12 Jun 1970; 1 Jul 1972–30 Jun 1973; 1 Jul 1982–30 Jun 1984; 1 Jul 1984–30 Jun 1986; 1 Jul 1988–30 Jun 1989; 1 Jul 1989–30 Jun 1990; 21 Sep 1989–31 Oct 1989. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 1 Apr 1966–28 Jan 1973.

Emblem

On a disc divided diagonally from upper left to lower right Blue over Light Blue, the White outlines of the continents bordering the Atlantic Ocean, surmounted by a White stylized bird in flight; all within a narrow Blue border. Approved on 11 Feb 1958, modified in 1994. *MOTTO*: SAFETY, SPIRIT, SERVICE. Approved on 11 Feb 1958.



77th Fighter Squadron

Organized as 77th Aero Squadron on 20 Feb 1918. Redesignated Squadron A, Barron Field, TX, on 21 Jul 1918. Demobilized on 18 Nov 1918. Reconstituted and consolidated (1936) with 77th Observation Squadron, which was constituted on 18 Oct 1927. Redesignated 77th Pursuit Squadron on 8 May 1929. Activated on 15 Nov 1930. Redesignated: 77th Pursuit Squadron (Fighter) on 6 Dec 1939; 77th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) on 12 Mar 1941; 77th Fighter Squadron on 15 May 1942; 77th Fighter Squadron (Twin Engine) on 30 Dec 1942; 77th Fighter Squadron, Twin Engine, on 20 Aug 1943; 77th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 5 Sep 1944. Inactivated on 18 Oct 1945. Activated on 29 Jul 1946. Redesignated: 77th Fighter Squadron, Jet, on 15 Jun 1948; 77th Fighter-Bomber Squadron on 20 Jan 1950; 77th Tactical Fighter Squadron on 8 Jul 1958; 77th Fighter Squadron on 1 Oct 1991. Inactivated on 30 Sep 1993. Activated on 1 Jan 1994.

Assignments

Unkn, 1918. 20th Pursuit (later, 20th Fighter) Group, 15 Nov 1930–18 Oct 1945. 20th Fighter (later, 20th Fighter-Bomber) Group, 29 Jul 1946 (attached to 20th Fighter-Bomber Wing, 15 Nov 1952–7 Feb 1955); 20th Fighter-Bomber (later, 20th Tactical Fighter) Wing, 8 Feb 1955 (attached to 39th Tactical Group, 1–31 Aug 1990 and Feb 1991); 20th Operations Group, 31 Mar 1992–30 Sep 1993. 20th Operations Group, 1 Jan 1994–.

Stations

Waco, TX, 20 Feb 1918; Taliaferro Field No. 1, TX, Feb 1918; Taliaferro Field No. 2, (later, Barron Field) TX, Mar–18 Nov 1918. Mather Field, CA, 15 Nov 1930–14 Oct 1932; Barksdale Field, LA, 31 Oct 1932; Moffett Field, 19 Nov 1939; Hamilton Field, CA, 9 Sep 1940; Wilmington, NC, c. 21 Feb 1942; Morris Field, NC, 24 Apr 1942; Drew Field, FL, Aug 1942; Paine Field, WA, 30 Sep 1942; March Field, CA, c. 1 Jan–11 Aug 1943; Kings Cliffe, England, c. 27 Aug 1943–11 Oct 1945; Camp Kilmer, NJ, 16–18 Oct 1945. Biggs Field, TX, 29 Jul 1946; Shaw Field (later, AFB), SC, c. 25 Oct 1946; Langley AFB, VA, 19 Nov 1951–22 May 1952; Wethersfield, England, 1 Jun 1952; Shepherds Grove, England, 9 Aug 1955; Wethersfield, England, 27 Apr 1956; RAF Upper Heyford, England, c. 1 May 1970–30 Sep 1993 (deployed at Incirlik AB, Turkey, 1–31 Aug 1990 and Feb 1991). Shaw AFB, SC, 1 Jan 1994–.

Aircraft

Evidently included JN–4, JN–6, and perhaps S–4 during 1918. In addition to P–12, 1930–1935, included DH–4 during 1931; P–26, 1934–1938; P–36, 1938–1940; P–40, 1940–1942; P–39, 1942–1943; P–38, 1943–1944; P–51, 1944–1945. P–51, 1946–1948; F–84, 1948–1957; F–100, 1957–1970; F–111, 1970–1993.

Operations

Apparently a flying training unit, 1918. Provided personnel for and helped train new units, 1940–1942. Combat in ETO, 28 Dec 1943–25 Apr 1945. Combat in Southwest Asia, Feb 1991.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: Central Germany, 8 Apr 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1956–30 Sep 1957; 1 May 1963–31 Dec 1964; 1 Jan 1965–31 Mar 1966; 1 Jul 1968–31 Mar 1970; 1 Sep 1970–30 Jun 1972; 31 Mar 1973–30 Jun 1974; 1 Jul 1977–30 Jun 1979; 1 Jul 1981–30 Jun 1983; 1 Jul 1987–30 Jun 1989; 1 Jul 1990–30 Jun 1992.

Emblem

On a Red disc bordered Black, five playing spot-cards arranged fanwise from dexter to sinister, 7 clubs, 7 diamonds, ace of spades, 7 hearts and 7 spades, proper. Approved on 29 Aug 1931 (24813 A.C.).



78th Fighter Squadron

Organized as 78th Aero Squadron on 28 Feb 1918. Redesignated Squadron A, Taliaferro Field, TX, on 23 Jul 1918. Demobilized on 15 Nov 1918. Reconstituted, and consolidated (25 Apr 1933) with 78th Observation Squadron, which was constituted on 18 Oct 1927. Redesignated 78th Pursuit Squadron on 8 May 1929. Activated on 1 Apr 1931. Inactivated on 1 Sep 1937. Redesignated 78th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) on 22 Dec 1939. Activated on 1 Feb 1940. Redesignated: 78th Fighter Squadron on 15 May 1942; 78th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 20 Aug 1943. Inactivated on 15 Oct 1946. Redesignated 78th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron on 11 Sep 1952. Activated on 1 Nov 1952. Redesignated: 78th Fighter-Bomber Squadron on 1 Apr 1954; 78th Tactical Fighter Squadron on 8 Jul 1958. Inactivated on 1 May 1992. Redesignated 78th Fighter Squadron on 22 Dec 1993. Activated on 1 Jan 1994.

Assignments

Unkn, 28 Feb–15 Nov 1918. 20th Pursuit Group (attached to 6th Composite Group), 1 Apr 1931; 3d Attack Wing (attached to 6th Composite Group), 15 Jun 1932; 16th Pursuit Group, 1 Dec 1932–1 Sep 1937. 18th Pursuit (later, 18th Fighter) Group, 1 Feb 1940; 15th Fighter Group, 16 Mar 1943–15 Oct 1946. 81st Fighter-Interceptor (later, 81st Fighter-Bomber) Group, 1 Nov 1952 (attached to 81st Fighter-Interceptor Wing, c. 22 Apr 1954–7 Feb 1955); 81st Fighter-Bomber (later, 81st Tactical Fighter) Wing, 8 Feb 1955–1 May 1992. 20th Operations Group, 1 Jan 1994–.

Stations

Waco, TX, 28 Feb 1918; Taliaferro Field, TX, 28 Feb–15 Nov 1918. France Field, Canal Zone, 1 Apr 1931; Albrook Field, Canal Zone, 15 Oct 1932–1 Sep 1937. Wheeler Field, TH, 1 Feb 1940; Kaneoke, TH, c. 9 Dec 1941; Midway, 23 Jan 1943; Barking Sands, TH, 23 Apr 1943; Haliewa Field, TH, 31 Jul 1943; Stanley Field, TH, 6 Jan 1944; Mokuleia Field, TH, c. 1 Apr 1944; Bellows Field, TH, 8 Jun 1944–24 Jan 1945; South Field, Iwo Jima, 2 Mar 1945; Bellows Field, TH, 25 Nov 1945; Wheeler Field, TH, 9 Feb–15 Oct 1946. RAF Shepherds Grove, England, 1 Nov 1952; RAF Sculthorpe, England, 31 May 1956; RAF Shepherds Grove, England, 3 May 1957; RAF Woodbridge, England, 22 Dec 1958–1 May 1992. Shaw AFB, SC, 1 Jan 1994–.

Aircraft

Apparently included JN–4, JN–6, and perhaps S–4, during 1918. Not equipped, 1931–1932; P–12, 1932–1936; not equipped, 1936–1937. P–26, 1940; P–36, 1940–1941; P–40, 1941–1944; P–39, 1942; P–47, 1944–1945; P–51, 1944–1946. F–86, 1952–1955; F–84, 1954–1958; F–101, 1958–1966; F–4, 1965–1979; A–10, 1979–1992.

Operations

Pilot training, 28 Feb–15 Nov 1918. Patrols over the Pacific, Jan 1942–Dec 1944. Combat in Southwest Pacific, 10 Mar–14 Aug 1945.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Central Pacific; Air Offensive, Japan; Air Combat, Asiatic-Pacific Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: Japan, 7 Apr 1945. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1961–30 Jun 1963; 1 Jun 1966–31 May 1968; 1 Jul 1968–30 Jun 1970; 1 Jul 1976–30 Jun 1978; 1 Jul 1979–30 Jun 1981; 1 Jul 1981–30 Jun 1983; 1 Jun 1989–31 May 1991; 1 Jun 1991–(1 May 1992).

Emblem

On a Blue disc with a wide Yellow border a Bushmaster's head proper. Approved on 14 Sep 1933 (K 8569).



79th Fighter Squadron

Organized as 79th Aero Squadron on 22 Feb 1918. Redesignated Squadron B, Taliaferro Field, TX, on 23 Jul 1918. Demobilized on 15 Nov 1918. Reconstituted, and consolidated (25 May 1933) with 79th Observation Squadron, which was constituted on 18 Oct 1927. Redesignated 79th Pursuit Squadron on 8 May 1929. Activated on 1 Apr 1933. Redesignated: 79th Pursuit Squadron (Fighter) on 6 Dec 1939; 79th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) on 12 Mar 1941; 79th Fighter Squadron on 15 May 1942; 79th Fighter Squadron (Twin Engine) on 30 Dec 1942; 79th Fighter Squadron, Twin Engine, on 20 Aug 1943; 79th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 5 Sep 1944. Inactivated on 18 Oct 1945. Activated on 29 Jul 1946. Redesignated: 79th Fighter Squadron, Jet, on 15 Jun 1948; 79th Fighter-Bomber Squadron on 20 Jan 1950; 79th Tactical Fighter Squadron on 8 Jul 1958; 79th Fighter Squadron on 1 Oct 1991. Inactivated on 30 Jun 1993. Activated on 1 Jan 1994.

Assignments

Unkn, 1918. 20th Pursuit (later, 20th Fighter) Group, 1 Apr 1933–18 Oct 1945. 20th Fighter (later, 20th Fighter-Bomber) Group, 29 Jul 1946 (attached to 20th Fighter-Bomber Wing, 15 Nov 1952–7 Feb 1955); 20th Fighter-Bomber (later, 20th Tactical Fighter) Wing, 8 Feb 1955 (attached to 39th Tactical Group, 23 Oct 1990–28 Feb 1991); 20th Operations Group, 31 Mar 1992–30 Jun 1993. 20th Operations Group, 1 Jan 1994–.

Stations

Waco, TX, 22 Feb 1918; Taliaferro Field, TX, 28 Feb–15 Nov 1918. Barksdale Field, LA, 1 Apr 1933; Moffett Field, CA, 19 Nov 1939; Hamilton Field, CA, 9 Sep 1940 (operated from Oakland, CA, 8 Dec 1941–8 Feb 1942); Wilmington, NC, c. 21 Feb 1942; Morris Field, NC, 23 Apr 1942; Paine Field, WA, 30 Sep 1942; March Field, CA, c. 1 Jan–11 Aug 1943; Kings Cliffe, England, c. 27 Aug 1943–11 Oct 1945; Camp Kilmer, NJ, 16–18 Oct 1945. Biggs Field, TX, 29 Jul 1946; Shaw Field, SC, c. 25 Oct 1946; Langley AFB, VA, 19 Nov 1951–22 May 1952; Woodbridge RAF, England, 1 Jun 1952; RAF Upper Heyford, England, c. 15 Jan 1970–30 Jun 1993 (deployed at Incirlik AB, Turkey, 23 Oct 1990–28 Feb 1991). Shaw AFB, SC, 1 Jan 1994–.

Aircraft

Evidently included JN–4, JN–6, and perhaps S–4 during 1918. P–12, 1933–1935; P–26, 1935–1938; P–36, 1938–1940; P–40, 1940–1942; P–39, 1942–1943; P–38, 1943–1944; P–51, 1944–1945. P–51, 1946–1948; F–84, 1948–1957; F–100, 1957–1970; F–111, 1970–1993.

Operations

Apparently a flying training unit, 1918. Provided personnel for and helped train units, 1940–1942. Antisubmarine patrols, c. 8 Dec 1941–c. 8 Feb 1942. Combat in ETO, 28 Dec 1943–25 Apr 1945. Combat in Southwest Asia, Jan–Feb 1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater; Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: Central Germany, 8 Apr 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1956–30 Sep 1957; 1 May 1963–31 Dec 1964; 1 Jan 1965–31 Mar 1966; 1 Jul 1968–31 Mar 1970; 1 Sep 1970–30 Jun 1972; 31 Mar 1973–30 Jun 1974; 1 Jul 1977–30 Jun 1979; 1 Jul 1981–30 Jun 1983; 1 Jul 1987–30 Jun 1989; 1 Jul 1990–30 Jun 1992.

Emblem

On a Light Blue disc, bordered Yellow, a tiger's face affronte proper, resting his jaw on his paw in base, all proper, the paw grasping a lightning bolt Red and Black, emitting six flashes Red, all highlighted Yellow. Approved on 31 Jan 1955 (24813 A.C.); replaced emblem approved on 5 Feb 1943 (23744 A.C.).



80th Fighter Squadron

Constituted 80th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) on 6 Jan 1942. Activated on 10 Jan 1942. Redesignated: 80th Fighter Squadron on 15 May 1942; 80th Fighter Squadron (Two Engine) 22 Jul 1943; 80th Fighter Squadron, Two Engine, on 20 Aug 1943. Inactivated on 26 Dec 1945. Redesignated 80th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, 14 Jan 1947. Activated on 20 Feb 1947. Redesignated: 80th Fighter Squadron, Jet, on 1 Jan 1950; 80th Fighter-Bomber Squadron on 20 Jan 1950; 80th Tactical Fighter Squadron on 1 Jul 1958; 80th Fighter Squadron on 3 Feb 1992.

Assignments

8th Pursuit (later, 8th Fighter) Group, 10 Jan 1942–26 Dec 1945. 8th Fighter (later, 8th Fighter-Bomber) Group, 20 Feb 1947 (attached to 49th Fighter-Bomber Group, 11 Aug–25 Sep 1950; 51st Fighter-Interceptor Group, 25 Sep–27 Oct 1950; Twentieth Air Force, 21 Oct 1954–10 Feb 1955; 49th Fighter-Bomber Group, 10 Feb 1955–18 Oct 1956; 8th Fighter-Bomber Wing, 1 Feb–30 Sep 1957); 8th Fighter-Bomber (later, 8th Tactical Fighter) Wing, 1 Oct 1957 (attached to 41st Air Division, 13 May–17 Jun 1964); 41st Air Division, 18 Jun 1964 (attached to 2d Air Division, 30 Oct–29 Dec 1964); 6441st Tactical Fighter Wing, 1 Apr 1965 (attached to 2d Air Division, 27 Jun–26 Aug 1965); 41st Air Division, 15 Nov 1966; 347th Tactical Fighter Wing, 15 Jan 1968 (attached to Detachment 1, 475th Tactical Fighter Wing, 15 Feb–15 Mar 1971); 3d Tactical Fighter Wing, 15 Mar 1971; 8th Tactical Fighter Wing, 16 Sep 1974; 8th Operations Group, 3 Feb 1992–.

Stations

Mitchel Field, NY, 10–26 Jan 1942; Brisbane, Australia, 6 Mar 1942; Lowood, Australia, 28 Mar 1942; Petric, Australia, 10 May 1942; Port Moresby, New Guinea, 20 Jul 1942; Milne Bay, New Guinea, 8 Nov 1942; Mareeba, Australia, 6 Feb 1943; Port Moresby, New Guinea, 21 Mar 1943; Dobodura, New Guinea, 11 Dec 1943; Cape Gloucester, New Britain, 28 Feb 1944; Nadzab, New Guinea, 25 Mar 1944; Owi, Schouten Islands, 18 Jun 1944; Morotai, 20 Sep 1944; Dulag, Leyte, 15 Nov 1944 (operated from Morotai, 15–30 Nov 1944); San Jose, Mindoro, 20 Dec 1944; Ie Shima, 5 Aug 1945; Fukuoka, Japan, 25 Nov–26 Dec 1945. Itazuke AB, Japan, 20 Feb 1947; Ashiya AB, Japan, 14 Apr 1947; Itazuke AB, Japan, 25 Mar 1949; Kimpo AB, South Korea, 27 Oct 1950; Itazuke AB, Japan 20 Dec 1950; Kimpo AB, South Korea, 25 Jun 1951; Suwon AB, South Korea, 24 Aug 1951; Kadena AB, Okinawa, 21 Oct 1954; Itazuke AB, Japan, 6 Aug 1956; Yokota AB, Japan, 13 May 1964 (deployed at Korat RTAFB, Thailand, 30 Oct–29 Dec 1964; Takhli RTAFB, Thailand, 27 Jun–26 Aug 1965; Osan AB, South Korea, 26 Dec 1968–20 Feb 1969, 24 Apr–27 May 1969, 5 Aug–10 Sep 1969, 28 Nov–27 Dec 1969, 6 Mar–10 Apr 1970, 29 May–20 Jun 1970, 7 Aug–4 Sep 1970, 30 Oct–28 Nov 1970, and 23 Jan–15 Feb 1971); Kunsan AB, South Korea, 15 Feb 1971–.

Aircraft

P–39, 1942–1943; P–400, 1942–1943; P–38, 1943–1945. P(later, F)–51, 1947–1950; F–80, 1950–1953; F–86, 1953–1957; F–84, 1954–1956; F–100, 1956–1963; F–105, 1963–1968; F–4, 1968–1971, 1971–1981; F–16, 1981–.

Operations

Combat in Southwest and Western Pacific, 22 Jul 1942–16 Aug 1945.

Combat in Korea, 27 Jun 1950–27 Jul 1953. Air defense in Japan and Korea, 1953–1954, in Okinawa, 1954–1956, and in Japan and Korea, 1956–1971.

Combat in Southeast Asia, 12 Nov–25 Dec 1964 and c. 27 Jun–c. 26 Aug 1965.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: East Indies; Air Offensive, Japan; China Defensive; Papua; New Guinea; Bismarck Archipelago; Western Pacific; Leyte; Luzon with Arrowhead; Southern Philippines; China Offensive. Korea: UN Defensive; UN Offensive; CCF Intervention; First UN Counteroffensive; CCF Spring Offensive; UN Summer-Fall Offensive; Second Korean Winter; Korea Summer-Fall, 1952; Third Korean Winter; Korea, Summer 1953. Vietnam: Vietnam Advisory; Vietnam Defensive.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Papua, 23 Jul 1942–23 Jan 1943; New Guinea, 20 Aug–15 Sep 1943; New Britain, 24 Oct–7 Nov 1943; Philippine Islands, 26 Dec 1944; Korea, [24 Aug–25 Sep] 1950; Korea, [27 Oct]–2 Nov 1950. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 12 May 1963–21 Mar 1964; 1 Apr–30 Jun 1965; 27 Jun–26 Aug 1965; 15 Apr 1969–15 Mar 1971; 1 Jul 1972–31 Dec 1973; 1 Apr 1977–31 Mar 1978; 1 Jun 1986–31 May 1988. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII). Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation: 27 Jun 1950–31 Jan 1951. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 1 Apr 1966–14 May 1971.

Emblem

On a White disc the face of a headhunter proper wearing Blue pilot goggles, above a White, Brown and Yellow broken bone; all within a narrow Yellow border. *MOTTO*: AUDENTES FORTUNA JUVAT—Fortune Favors the Bold. Approved on 9 Oct 1986.



81st Fighter Squadron

Constituted 81st Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) on 6 Jan 1942. Activated on 15 Jan 1942. Redesignated: 81st Fighter Squadron on 15 May 1942; 81st Fighter Squadron (Special) on 28 May 1942; 81st Fighter Squadron (Single Engine) on 21 Jan 1944; 81st Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 28 Feb 1944. Inactivated on 7 Nov 1945. Redesignated 81st Fighter Squadron (All Weather) on 13 May 1947. Activated in the reserve on 12 Jul 1947. Redesignated: 81st Fighter Squadron, Jet, on 20 Jun 1949; 81st Fighter-Interceptor Squadron on 1 Mar 1950. Ordered to active service on 1 Jun 1951. Inactivated on 2 Jun 1951. Redesignated 81st Fighter-Bomber Squadron on 15 Nov 1952. Activated on 1 Jan 1953. Redesignated: 81st Tactical Fighter Squadron on 8 Jul 1958; 81st Fighter Squadron on 1 Oct 1991.

Assignments

50th Pursuit (later, 50th Fighter) Group, 15 Jan 1942–7 Nov 1945. 454th Bombardment Group, 12 Jul 1947; 50th Fighter (later, 50th Fighter Interceptor) Group, 20 Jun 1949–2 Jun 1951. 50th Fighter-Bomber Group, 1 Jan 1953; 50th Fighter-Bomber (later, 50th Tactical Fighter) Wing, 8 Dec 1957; 86th Tactical Fighter Wing, 15 Jul 1971; 52d Tactical Fighter (later, 52d Fighter) Wing, 15 Jan 1973; 52d Operations Group, 31 Mar 1992–.

Stations

Key Field, MS, 15 Jan 1942; Orlando AB, FL, 22 Mar 1942; Cross City AAFld, FL, 18 Jun 1943; Orlando AB, FL, 1 Feb–13 Mar 1944; Lymington, England, 5 Apr 1944; Carentan, France, 25 Jun 1944; Meautis, France, 16 Aug 1944; Orly, France, 5 Sep 1944; Laon, France, 15 Sep 1944; Lyons/Bron, France, 29 Sep 1944; Toul/Ochey, France, 3 Nov 1944; Giebelstadt, Germany, 20 Apr 1945; Mannheim, Germany, 21 May–c. 23 Jun 1945; La Junta AAFld, CO, 6 Aug–7 Nov 1945. McChord Field, WA, 12 Jul 1947; Otis AFB, MA, 20 Jun 1949–2 Jun 1951. Clovis AFB, NM, 1 Jan–22 Jul 1953; Hahn AB, Germany, 10 Aug 1953; Toul/Rosieres AB, France, 10 Jul 1956; Hahn AB, Germany, 10 Dec 1959; Zweibrucken AB, Germany, 15 Jun 1971; Spangdahlem AB, Germany, 15 Jan 1973–.

Aircraft

P–40, 1942–1943; P–47, 1943–1945. F–51, 1953; F–86, 1953–1958; F–100, 1958–1966; F–4, 1966–; F–16, 1987–1990, 1993–.

Operations

Conducted air defense training and trained cadres of other units in fighter tactics, 22 Mar 1942–28 Jan 1944; combat in ETO, 1 May 1944–7 May 1945. Trained in close air support and reconnaissance since 1953; added defense-suppression mission late 1969. Deployed personnel and equipment to Shaik Isa, Bahrain, to support operations in Southwest Asia, Sep 1990–Jun 1991.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: ETO, 13–20 Mar 1945; Germany, 25 Apr 1945. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat “V” Device: 1 Sep 1990–26 Feb 1991. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Nov 1970–15 Jun 1971; 1 Jul 1978–30 Jun 1980; 1 Jul 1991–30 Jun 1993. Cited in the Order of the Day, Belgian Army: 6 Jun–30 Sep 1944.

Emblem

On a Light Blue disc bordered Air Force Yellow, issuant from the top of the disc in sinister an Air Force Blue cloud formation fimbriated White emitting a Yellow lightning flash to base surmounted by a Yellow ocelot bend sinisterwise, detailed Brown (teeth White, tongue Red). Approved on 3 Jul 1967 (KE 26184).



82d Reconnaissance Squadron

Constituted 82d Observation Squadron, and activated, on 1 Jun 1937. Redesignated: 82d Observation Squadron (Medium) on 13 Jan 1942; 82d Observation Squadron on 4 Jul 1942; 82d Reconnaissance Squadron (Fighter) on 2 Apr 1943; 82d Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron on 10 May 1944; 82d Reconnaissance Squadron, Photographic (Jet-Propelled) on 23 Jan 1947; 82d Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, Photo-Jet, on 10 Aug 1948. Inactivated on 1 Apr 1949. Redesignated 82d Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, Fighter, on 4 Nov 1954. Activated on 24 Jan 1955. Inactivated on 1 Jul 1957. Redesignated 82d Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, activated, and organized, on 25 Aug 1967. Inactivated on 30 Sep 1976. Redesignated 82d Reconnaissance Squadron on 30 Sep 1991. Activated on 2 Oct 1991.

Assignments

Ninth Corps Area, 1 Jan 1937; Fourth Army, 3 Oct 1940; III Army Corps, c. Jan 1941; Fourth Air Force, 1 Sep 1941; 69th Observation Group, 3 Sep 1941; 71st Observation (later, 71st Reconnaissance; 71st Tactical Reconnaissance; 71st Reconnaissance) Group, 29 Mar 1942 (attached to 35th Fighter Group, 20 Oct 1945–9 Feb 1946); V Bomber Command, 1 Feb 1946; 314th Composite Wing, 31 May 1946; 71st Reconnaissance (later, 71st Tactical Reconnaissance) Group, 28 Feb 1947–1 Apr 1949 (attached to 314th Composite Wing to Nov 1947). 71st Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, 24 Jan 1955–1 Jul 1957. 3d Air Division, 25 Aug 1967; 4252d Strategic Wing, 2 Jan 1968; 376th Strategic Wing, 1 Apr 1970–30 Sep 1976. 55th Wing, 2 Oct 1991; 55th Operations Group, 1 Jul 1992–.

Stations

Moffett Field, CA, 1 Jun 1937 (flight at Brooks Field, TX, 28 Jun 1940–9 Apr 1941); Hamilton Field, CA, 12 Sep 1940; Salinas, CA, 9 Apr 1941; Esler Field, LA, 27 Jan 1943; Laurel AAFld, MS, 1 Apr–24 Sep 1943; Milne Bay, New Guinea, 6 Nov 1943; Dobodura, New Guinea, 22 Nov 1943 (detachments operated from Finschhafen, New Guinea, Dec 1943–19 Apr 1944); Saidor, New Guinea, 5 Apr–3 Jun 1944 (operated from Saidor to 27 Jun 1944); Biak, 12 Jun 1944; Owi, Schouten Islands, 20 Jun 1944; Biak, 16 Jul 1944; Morotai, 1 Oct–31 Dec 1944 (air echelon at Biak to 17 Oct 1944, at San Jose, Mindoro, 29 Dec 1944–17 Jan 1945, and at Lingayen, Luzon, after 17 Jan 1945); Lingayen, Luzon, 20 Jan 1945; Ie Shima, 28 Jul 1945; Irumagawa, Japan, 7 Oct 1945; Yokota, Japan, 1 Feb 1947; Johnson AB, Japan, 25 Mar–1 Apr 1949. Larson AFB, WA, 24 Jan 1955–1 Jul 1957. Yokota AB, Japan, 25 Aug 1967; Kadena AB, Ryukyu Islands (later, Japan) 2 Jan 1968–30 Sep 1976. Kadena AB, Japan, 2 Oct 1991–.

Aircraft

O–31 and O–43, 1937–c. 1938; O–47, c. 1938–1940; in addition to O–46, 1940–1942, and O–47, 1941–1942, included O–49 and O–52 during period 1941–1942; included A–20, B–25, P–39, and P–40 during period 1942–1943; P–39, 1943–1944; P–40, 1944–1945; P–51/F–6, 1944–1946; in addition to F–5, 1946, P–51/F–6, 1946–1947, and FP–80, 1947–1949, included B–25, 1946, A–26, 1946–1947, and F–2, 1947–1948; RF–61, 1949. RF–84, 1955–1957. RC–135, 1967–1976. RC–135, 1991–.

Operations

Antisubmarine patrols off California coast, 8 Dec 1941–16 Aug 1942; combat in Southwest Pacific and Western Pacific, 27 Nov 1943–15 Aug 1945. Strategic reconnaissance over Southeast Asia, Aug 1967–Mar 1973.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater; Air Offensive, Japan; New Guinea; Bismarck Archipelago; Western Pacific; Leyte; Luzon; Southern Philippines; Ryukyus; China Offensive.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: Japan, 31 Jul and 5 Aug 1945. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat “V” Device: 2 Mar 1969–31 Mar 1970; 1 Apr 1970–31 Mar 1972; 1 Apr 1972–28 Jan 1973. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 25 Aug 1967–2 Jan 1968; 2 Mar 1968–1 Mar 1969; 29 Jan 1973–31 Mar 1974; 1 Jul 1974–30 Jun 1976; 1 Jul–30 Sep 1976. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII). Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 25 Aug 1967–28 Jan 1973.

Emblem

On an Orange disc an eye (Red, Blue, White, and Black) below a conventionalized White wing extending upwards and casting a Black shadow; issuing from the pupil of the eye a White zigzag ray fimbriated Black extending to base. Approved on 14 Apr 1938 (K 2855).



85th Flying Training Squadron

Constituted 85th Bombardment Squadron (Light) on 20 Nov 1940. Activated on 15 Jan 1941. Redesignated: 85th Bombardment Squadron, Light, on 20 Aug 1943; 85th Bombardment Squadron, Light (Night Attack), on 16 Apr 1946; 85th Bombardment Squadron, Light, Jet, on 23 Jun 1948; 85th Bombardment Squadron, Light, on 16 Nov 1950; 85th Bombardment Squadron, Tactical, on 1 Oct 1955. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 22 Jun 1962. Redesignated 85th Flying Training Squadron on 22 Mar 1972. Activated on 1 Sep 1972.

Assignments

47th Bombardment Group, 15 Jan 1941; Twelfth Air Force, 2 Oct 1949; Ninth Air Force (attached to 363d Tactical Reconnaissance Group), 17 Oct 1949; Tactical Air Command, 1 Aug 1950 (remained attached to 363d Tactical Reconnaissance Group to 31 Aug 1950; attached to 363d Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, 1 Sep 1950–11 Mar 1951); 47th Bombardment Group, 12 Mar 1951 (attached to 47th Bombardment Wing, 17 Nov 1952–7 Feb 1955); 47th Bombardment Wing, 8 Feb 1955–22 Jun 1962. 47th Flying Training Wing, 1 Sep 1972; 47th Operations Group, 15 Dec 1991–.

Stations

McChord Field, WA, 15 Jan 1941; Fresno, CA, 11 Aug 1941; Will Rogers Field, OK, 17 Feb 1942; Greensboro, NC, 16 Jul–17 Oct 1942; Mediouna, French Morocco, c. 17 Nov 1942; Thelepte, Tunisia, 9 Jan 1943; Youks-les-Bains, Algeria, 16 Feb 1943; Canrobert, Algeria, 27 Feb 1943; Thelepte, Tunisia, 30 Mar 1943; Souk-el-Arba, Tunisia, 16 Apr 1943; Soliman, Tunisia, 1 Jun 1943; Malta, 22 Jul 1943; Sicily, 12 Aug 1943; Grottaglie, Italy, 24 Sep 1943; Vincenzo Airfield, Italy, 15 Oct 1943; Vesuvius Airfield, Italy, 11 Jan 1944; Capodichino, Italy, 22 Mar 1944; Vesuvius Airfield, Italy, 25 Apr 1944; Ponte Galeria, Italy, 13 Jun 1944; Ombrone Airfield, Italy, 26 Jun 1944; Poretta Corsica, 15 Jul 1944; Salon, France, 4 Sep 1944; Follonica, Italy, 16 Sep 1944; Rosignano Airfield, Italy, 4 Oct 1944; Grosseto, Italy, 10 Dec 1944; Pisa, Italy, 17–23 Jun 1945; Seymour Johnson Field, NC, c. 11 Jul 1945; Lake Charles AAFld, LA, 9 Sep 1945; Biggs Field, TX, 20 Oct 1946; Barksdale AFB, LA, 19 Nov 1948; Langley AFB, VA, 17 Oct 1949–21 May 1952; Sculthorpe RAF Station (later, RAF Sculthorpe), England, 31 May 1952–22 Jun 1962. Laughlin AFB, TX, 1 Sep 1972–.

Aircraft

B–18, 1941–1942; DB–7, 1941–1942; A–20, 1941–1945; A–26 (later B–26), 1945–1949, 1950–1951; B–45, 1949–1957; B–66, 1958–1962. T–37, 1972–.

Operations

Antisubmarine patrols, Dec 1941–Jan 1942. Combat in MTO, 10 Jan 1943–30 Apr 1945. Undergraduate pilot training, 1972–.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater; Algeria-French Morocco; Tunisia; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Anzio; Rome-Arno; Southern France; North Apennines; Po Valley; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: North Africa, 22 Feb 1943; Po Valley, 21–24 Apr 1945. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1958–30 Jun 1960; 1 Jan–31 Dec 1973; 1 Jan 1976–28 Feb 1977; 1 Jan 1979–30 Apr 1980; 1 May 1983–30 Sep 1984; 1 Apr 1985–31 Jan 1987; 1 Feb 1987–31 Mar 1988; 1 Apr 1988–31 Mar 1989; 1 Apr 1989–15 Mar 1991.

Emblem

On a Blue disc edged with a narrow Yellow border, a Gray sphere grid-lined Black, within five White stylized cloud formations. Striding down the sphere a Yellow tiger in perspective, mouth Red, teeth White, outlines and details Black. Approved on 2 Jan 1973 (KE 51228); replaced emblem approved on 9 Sep 1944 (8768 A.C.).



85th Test & Evaluation Squadron

Constituted 85th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) on 13 Jan 1942. Activated on 9 Feb 1942. Redesignated: 85th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) (Twin Engine) on 31 Jan 1942; 85th Fighter Squadron (Twin Engine) on 15 May 1942; 85th Fighter Squadron on 10 Sep 1942; 85th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 21 Aug 1944. Inactivated on 15 Jul 1947. Redesignated 85th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron on 11 Sep 1952. Activated on 1 Nov 1952. Inactivated on 1 Jul 1959. Consolidated (15 Dec 1991) with the 4485th Test Squadron, which was designated, and activated, on 12 Apr 1971. Redesignated 85th Test and Evaluation Squadron on 1 Dec 1991.

Assignments

79th Pursuit (later, 79th Fighter) Group, 9 Feb 1942–15 Jul 1947. 33d Air Division, 1 Nov 1952; 20th Air Division, 1 Mar 1956–1 Jul 1959. USAF Tactical Air Warfare Center, 12 Apr 1971; 4443d (later, 79th) Test and Evaluation Group, 1 Aug 1988–.

Stations

Dale Mabry Field, FL, 9 Feb 1942; Morris Field, NC, 1 May 1942; East Boston Aprt, MA, 23 Jun 1942; Bedford, MA, 1 Jul–28 Sep 1942; Egypt, 12 Nov 1942; Libya, 24 Jan 1943; Tunisia, 13 Mar 1943; Malta, c. 6 Jul 1943; Sicily, 18 Jul 1943; Southern Italy, 15 Sep 1943; Salsola, Italy, 5 Oct 1943; Madna Airfield, Italy, c. 19 Nov 1943; Capodichino, Italy, 16 Jan 1944; Pomigliano, Italy, 30 Apr 1944; Corsica, c. 11 Jun 1944; Southern France, c. 22 Aug 1944; Iesi, Italy, c. 5 Oct 1944; Fano, Italy, 5 Dec 1944; Cesenatico, Italy, 24 Mar 1945; Horsching, Austria, 26 Jul 1945–25 Jun 1947; Langley Field, VA, 25 Jun–15 Jul 1947. Scott AFB, IL, 1 Nov 1952–1 Jul 1959. Eglin AFB, FL, 12 Apr 1971–.

Aircraft

P–40, 1942–1944; P–47, 1944–1947. F–51, 1952–1953; F–86, 1953–1959. Tested aircraft and weapon systems of a wide variety of aircraft, including the F–4, RF–4, F–15, F–16, and A–10, 1971–.

Operations

Combat in MTO, 14 Mar 1943–7 May 1945. Air defense in the US, 1952–1959.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Egypt-Libya; Tunisia; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Anzio; Rhineland; Rome-Arno; Southern France; North Apennines; Po Valley; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: North Africa and Sicily, Mar–17 Aug 1943; Italy, 16–20 Apr 1945. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award: 1 Jan 1984–31 May 1985.

Emblem

On a disc divided per saltire, Light Blue, checky Black and White, Blue, checky Black and White a sword bendwise sinister point to base blade per Pale Blue and Light Blue, grip Red detailed Black guard and pommel Blue, surmounted by a Yellow lightning flash bendwise fimbriated Black, in chief a Yellow polestar shaded Blue radiant of six and in base an arc of Red arch embattled and crenelled Yellow all within a narrow Black border. Approved on 8 Aug 1984 and slightly modified on 26 May 1987 (DFSC 87–10421); replaced emblems approved on 7 Aug 1953 (47491 A.C.) and 26 Aug 1942 (45924 A.C.).



86th Flying Training Squadron

Constituted 86th Bombardment Squadron, Light, on 20 Nov 1940. Activated on 15 Jan 1941. Redesignated: 86th Bombardment Squadron, Light, on 20 Aug 1943; 86th Bombardment Squadron, Light (Night Attack), on 16 Apr 1946; 86th Bombardment Squadron, Light, Jet, on 23 Jun 1948. Inactivated on 2 Oct 1949. Redesignated 86th Bombardment Squadron, Light, on 1 Mar 1954. Activated on 23 Mar 1954. Redesignated 86th Bombardment Squadron, Tactical, on 1 Oct 1955. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 22 Jun 1962. Redesignated 86th Flying Training Squadron on 22 Mar 1972. Activated on 1 Sep 1972. Inactivated on 15 Sep 1992. Activated on 1 Dec 1993.

Assignments

47th Bombardment Group, 15 Jan 1941–2 Oct 1949. 47th Bombardment Group, 23 Mar 1954 (attached to 47th Bombardment Wing, 23 Mar 1954–7 Feb 1955); 47th Bombardment Wing, 8 Feb 1955–22 Jun 1962. 47th Flying Training Wing, 1 Sep 1972; 47th Operations Group, 15 Dec 1991–15 Sep 1992. 47th Operations Group, 1 Dec 1993–.

Stations

McChord Field, WA, 15 Jan 1941; Fresno, CA, 11 Aug 1941; Will Rogers Field, OK, 15 Feb 1942; Greensboro, NC, 16 Jul–17 Oct 1942; Mediouna, French Morocco, 17 Nov 1942; Youks-les-Bains, Algeria, Dec 1942; Canrobert, Algeria, 21 Feb 1943; Thelepte, Tunisia, 30 Mar 1943; Souk-el-Arba, Tunisia, 16 Apr 1943; Soliman, Tunisia, c. 1 Jun 1943; Ta Kali Airdrome, Malta, 22 Jul 1943; Torrente Comunelli, Sicily, 13 Aug 1943; Gerbini, Sicily, 19 Aug 1943; Grottaglie, Italy, 27 Sep 1943; Vincenzo Airfield, Italy, 12 Oct 1943; Vesuvius Airfield, Italy, 13 Jan 1944; Capodichino, Italy, 22 Mar 1944; Vesuvius Airfield, Italy, 25 Apr 1944; Ponte Galeria, Italy, 9 Jun 1944; Ombrone Airfield, Italy, 23 Jun 1944; Poretta, Corsica, 12 Jul 1944; Salon, France, 5 Sep 1944; Follonica, Italy, 19 Sep 1944; Rosignano Airfield, Italy, 4 Oct 1944; Grosseto, Italy, 2 Jan 1945; Pisa, Italy, 15–23 Jun 1945; Seymour Johnson Field, NC, 14 Jul 1945; Lake Charles AAFld, LA, 9 Sep 1945; Biggs Field (later, AFB), TX, 20 Oct 1946; Barksdale AFB, LA, 19 Nov 1948–2 Oct 1949. Sculthorpe RAF Station, England, 23 Mar 1954; Alconbury RAF Station (later, RAF Alconbury), England, 15 Sep 1955; RAF Sculthorpe, England, 5 Aug 1959–22 Jun 1962. Laughlin AFB, TX, 1 Sep 1972–15 Sep 1992. Laughlin AFB, TX, 1 Dec 1993–.

Aircraft

B–18, 1941–1942; DB–7, 1942; A–20, 1942–1945; A–26 (later, B–26), 1945–1949; B–45, 1949. B–45, 1954–1958; B–66, 1958–1962. T–38, 1972–1992.

Operations

Antisubmarine patrols, 9 Dec 1941–15 Jan 1942. Combat in MTO, 14 Dec 1942–30 Apr 1945. Undergraduate pilot training, Sep 1972–Sep 1992.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater; Algeria-French Morocco; Tunisia; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Anzio; Rome-Arno; Southern France; North Apennines; Po Valley; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: North Africa, 22 Feb 1943; Po Valley, 21–24 Apr 1945. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1958–30 Jun 1960; 1 Jan–31 Dec 1973; 1 Jan 1976–28 Feb 1977; 1 Jan 1979–30 Apr 1980; 1 Mar 1982–29 Feb 1984; 1 Mar 1985–28 Feb 1987; 1 Mar 1987–31 Mar 1988; 16 Mar 1989–15 Mar 1991; 1 Jul 1991–15 Sep 1992.

Emblem

Azure three rays issuant from dexter base bendwise sinister Argent debruised by a ray issuant from sinister base bendwise of the like between a decrescent moon in splendor in dexter chief Or and issuant from sinister base overall a cloud White issuing a demi-wolf caricature Sable with White face and cuffs, Red nose, eye, and tongue, wearing Yellow gloves, and a Black top hat with band garnished Red and grasping in its dexter paw a Black bomb palewise descending; all within a diminished bordure Yellow. Approved on 8 Mar 1945 (29205 A.C.) modified and reinstated on 22 Mar 1995; replaced emblem approved on 20 Feb 1973 (KE 51355).



87th Flying Training Squadron

Designated 87th Aero Squadron, and organized, on 18 Aug 1917. Redesignated Squadron B, Park Field, on 25 Jul 1918. Demobilized on 1 Dec 1918. Reconstituted, and consolidated (1 Dec 1936) with unit constituted as 87th Pursuit Squadron on 19 Feb 1935. Organized on 1 Mar 1935. Inactivated 1 Sep 1936. Demobilized on 1 Jan 1938. Reconstituted, and consolidated (21 Mar 1979) with unit constituted as 87th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) on 13 Jan 1942. Redesignated 87th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) (Twin Engine) on 31 Jan 1942. Activated on 9 Feb 1942. Redesignated: 87th Fighter Squadron (Twin Engine) on 15 May 1942; 87th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 21 Aug 1944. Inactivated on 15 Jul 1947. Redesignated 87th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron on 11 Sep 1952. Activated on 1 Nov 1952. Inactivated on 8 Sep 1955. Activated on 8 Apr 1956. Inactivated on 1 Oct 1985. Redesignated 87th Flying Training Squadron on 9 Feb 1990. Activated on 2 Apr 1990.

Assignments

III Corps, Observation Group, 18 Aug 1917–1 Dec 1918. 20th Pursuit Group (attached to the Air Corps Tactical School), 1 Mar 1935–1 Sep 1936. 79th Pursuit (later, 79th Fighter) Group, 9 Feb 1942–15 Jul 1947. 31st Air Division, 1 Nov 1952; 521st Air Defense Group, 16 Feb 1953; Third Air Force, 21 Dec 1954–8 Sep 1955. 58th Air Division, 8 Apr 1956; 30th Air Division, 1 Sep 1958; Detroit Air Defense Sector, 8 Apr 1959; 34th Air Division, 1 Apr 1966; 343d Fighter Group, 30 Sep 1968; 23d Air Division, 28 Aug 1970; 21st Air Division, 1 Aug 1981; 24th Air Division, 23 Sep 1983–1 Oct 1985. 47th Flying Training Wing, 2 Apr 1990; 47th Operations Group, 15 Dec 1991–.

Stations

Kelly Field, TX, 18 Aug 1917; Selfridge Field, MI, Sep 1917; Park Field, TN, Dec 1917–1 Dec 1918. Maxwell Field, AL, 1 Mar 1935–1 Sep 1936. Dale Mabry Field, FL, 9 Feb 1942; Morris Field, NC, 1 May 1942; Rentschler Field, CT, 25 Jun–28 Sep 1942; Egypt, 12 Nov 1942; Libya, 24 Jan 1943; Tunisia, 13 Mar 1943; Malta, 4 Jul 1943; Sicily, 17 Jul 1943; Southern Italy, 15 Sep 1943; Salsola, Italy, 4 Oct 1943; Madna Airfield, Italy, 17 Nov 1943; Capodichino, Italy, 17 Jan 1944; Pomigliano, Italy, 1 May 1944; Corsica, 11 Jun 1944; Southern France, 22 Aug 1944; Iesi, Italy, 4 Oct 1944; Fano, Italy, 6 Dec 1944; Cesenatico, Italy, 21 Mar 1945; Horsching, Austria, 27 Jul 1945–25 Jun 1947; Langley Field, VA, 25 Jun–15 Jul 1947. Sioux City Muni Aprt, IA, 1 Nov 1952; Bentwaters RAF Station, England, 13 Dec 1954–8 Sep 1955. Lockbourne AFB, OH, 8 Apr 1956; Duluth Intl Aprt, MN, 30 Sep 1968; K.I. Sawyer AFB, MI, 1 May 1971–1 Oct 1985. Laughlin AFB, TX, 2 Apr 1990–.

Aircraft

Unkn, 1917–1918. Unkn, 1935–1936. P-40, 1942–1944; P-47, 1944–1947. F-51, 1952–1953; F-86, 1953–1955. F-86, 1956–1958; F-102, 1958–1960; F-101, 1960–1968; F-106, 1968–1985. T-38, 1990–.

Operations

Combat in MTO, 14 Mar 1943–7 May 1945. Air defense, 1952–1955 and 1956–1985. Undergraduate pilot training, 1990–.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Egypt-Libya; Tunisia; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Anzio; Rome-Arno; Southern France; North Apennines; Po Valley, Rhineland; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: North Africa and Sicily, Mar–17 Aug 1943; Italy, 16–20 Apr 1945. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1976–30 Jun 1978; 4 May 1981–3 May 1983; 16 Mar 1989–15 Mar 1991.

Emblem

On an Air Force disc Azure and Argent, a bull's head Gules edged Sable, depicted frontal view with head lowered and curved horns Or with highlights of the second and edged Black; emanating from base near his nostrils a streak of Yellow lightning on either side, also edged Black. Above his head on a field of the first three stylized White aeroplanes with vapor trails of the last. Approved on 12 Feb 1969 (KE 4669); replaced emblems approved on 16 Jul 1956 and 1 Aug 1945 (KE 15714). *MOTTO*: VIGILANTIA EST PAX—Vigilance is Peace. Approved on 16 Jul 1956.



88th Flying Training Squadron

Constituted 88th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) on 13 Jan 1942. Activated on 9 Feb 1942. Redesignated: 88th Fighter Squadron on 15 May 1942; 88th Fighter Squadron (Single Engine) on 1 Jul 1942; 88th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 28 Feb 1944. Inactivated on 3 Nov 1945. Redesignated 88th Flying Training Squadron on 25 May 1972. Activated on 1 Jan 1973.

Assignments

80th Pursuit (later, 80th Fighter) Group, 9 Feb 1942–3 Nov 1945. 80th Flying Training Wing, 1 Jan 1973–.

Stations

Selfridge Field, MI, 9 Feb 1942; Bridgeport, CT, 25 Jun 1942; Farmingdale, NY, 2 Sep 1942; Mitchel Field, NY, 9 Mar–30 Apr 1943; Karachi, India, 28 Jun 1943; Mokelbari, India, c. Oct 1943; Shingbuiyang, Burma, 3 May 1944 (detachment operated from Myitkyina, Burma, May–20 Aug 1944); Myitkyina, Burma, c. 23 Jan 1945; Moran, India, 3 May 1945; Dudhkundi, India, 29 May–6 Oct 1945; Camp Kilmer, NJ, 1–3 Nov 1945. Sheppard AFB, TX, 1 Jan 1973–.

Aircraft

P–47, 1942–1943; P–40, 1943–1944; P–47, 1944–1945. T–37, 1973–; T–38, 1981–.

Operations

Combat in CBI, 1 Oct 1943–28 Apr 1945. Undergraduate pilot training for USAF and students from selected nations, 1973–1981; Euro-NATO joint pilot training, Oct 1981–.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaigns Streamers

World War II: India-Burma; Central Burma.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: Assam, India, 27 Mar 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Mar 1975–1 Mar 1977; 10–20 Apr 1979; 1 Jul 1980–28 Feb 1982; 1 Mar 1982–30 Apr 1983.

Emblem

On a Light Blue disc, within a border company of seventy-two segments alternate Black and White, a quatrefoil White, outlined Black, surmounted by four Red lightning bolts in cross, joined at center by an annulet of the last. Approved on 18 Jan 1943 (K 2822).



89th Flying Training Squadron

Constituted 89th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) on 13 Jan 1942. Activated on 9 Feb 1942. Redesignated: 89th Fighter Squadron on 15 May 1942; 89th Fighter Squadron (Single Engine) on 1 Jul 1942; 89th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 28 Feb 1944. Inactivated on 3 Nov 1945. Redesignated 89th Flying Training Squadron on 25 May 1972. Activated on 1 Jan 1973.

Assignments

80th Pursuit (later, 80th Fighter) Group, 9 Feb 1942–3 Nov 1945. 80th Flying Training Wing, 1 Jan 1973–.

Stations

Selfridge Field, MI, 9 Feb 1942; Farmingdale, NY, 23 Jun 1942; Mitchel Field, NY, 9 Dec 1942–30 Apr 1943; Karachi, India, 29 Jun 1943; Gushkara, India, c. 16 Aug 1943; Nagaghuli, India, c. 15 Oct 1943 (detachment operated from Sadiya, India, Oct 1943; Mokelbaria, India, May 1944; Dergaon, India, Aug 1944); Myitkyina, Burma, c. 15 Sep 1944; Moran, India, 8 May 1945; Dudhkundi, India, 30 May–6 Oct 1945; Camp Kilmer, NJ, 1–3 Nov 1945. Sheppard AFB, TX, 1 Jan 1973–.

Aircraft

P–47, 1942–1943; P–40, 1943–1944; P–47, 1944–1945. T–37, 1973–.

Operations

Combat in CBI, 8 Sep 1943–28 Apr 1945. Undergraduate pilot training for USAF and students from selected nations, 1973–1981; Euro-NATO joint pilot training, Oct 1981–.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: India-Burma; Central Burma.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: Assam, India, 27 Mar 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 10–20 Apr 1979; 1 Jan 1980–31 Dec 1981; 1 Jan 1982–30 Apr 1983.

Emblem

On a Red disc, edged Black an inverted Ace of Spades, proper, bordered White, edged Black, a skull, proper, with Red and Yellow lightning bolts emanating from the eye sockets, resting on a large, White cloud formation, outlined Medium Blue, all in front of flames of fire Red and Yellow. Approved on 5 Jun 1944 (K 2822).



90th Fighter Squadron

Organized as 90th Aero Squadron on 20 Aug 1917. Redesignated: 90th Squadron (Surveillance) on 13 Aug 1919; 90th Squadron (Attack) on 15 Sep 1921; 90th Attack Squadron on 25 Jan 1923; 90th Bombardment Squadron (Light) on 15 Sep 1939; 90th Bombardment Squadron (Dive) on 28 Sep 1942; 90th Bombardment Squadron (Light) on 25 May 1943; 90th Bombardment Squadron, Light, on 29 Apr 1944. Inactivated on 1 Oct 1949. Redesignated 90th Bombardment Squadron, Light, Night Intruder, on 7 Jun 1951. Activated on 25 Jun 1951. Redesignated: 90th Bombardment Squadron, Tactical, on 1 Oct 1955; 90th Tactical Fighter Squadron on 8 Jun 1964; 90th Attack Squadron on 12 Dec 1969; 90th Special Operations Squadron on 31 Oct 1970; 90th Tactical Fighter Squadron on 8 Jul 1973; 90th Fighter Squadron on 26 Sep 1991.

Assignments

Unkn, 20 Aug–Nov 1917; I Air Depot, c. 20 Nov 1917; I Corps Observation Group, 19 Apr 1918; IV Corps Observation Group, 13 Jun 1918; III Corps Observation Group, 21 Sep 1918; I Corps Observation Group, 30 Nov–Dec 1918; unkn, Dec 1918–1 Jul 1919; Army Surveillance (later 1st Surveillance; 3d Attack; 3d Bombardment) Group, 1 Jul 1919–1 Oct 1949. 3d Bombardment Group, 25 Jun 1951 (attached to 3d Bombardment Wing, 13 Aug 1956–24 Oct 1957); 3d Bombardment Wing, 25 Oct 1957 (attached to 41st Air Division, 1 Sep 1963–7 Jan 1964); 41st Air Division, 8 Jan 1964; Tactical Air Command, 8 Jun 1964; 3d Tactical Fighter Wing, 9 Jun 1964 (attached to 405th Fighter Wing, 7 Feb–10 May 1965; 39th Air Division, 8 Aug 1965–); 834th Air Division, 19 Nov 1965 (remained attached to 39th Air Division to 5 Dec 1965; attached to 401st Tactical Fighter Wing, c. 5 Dec 1965–c. 7 Feb 1966); 3d Tactical Fighter Wing, c. 8 Feb 1966; 14th Special Operations Wing, 31 Oct 1970; 483d Tactical Airlift Wing, 1 Sep 1971; 18th Tactical Fighter Wing, 15 Apr 1972; 405th Fighter Wing, 15 Dec 1972; 3d Tactical Fighter Wing, 16 Sep 1974; 21st Tactical Fighter Wing, 29 May 1991; 21st Operations Group, 26 Sep 1991; 3d Operations Group, 19 Dec 1991–.

Stations

Kelly Field, TX, 20 Aug 1917; Garden City, NY, 5–27 Oct 1917; Colombey-les-Belles, France, 20 Nov 1917; Amanty, France, 19 Apr 1918; Ourches, France, 13 Jun 1918; Souilly, France, 20 Sep 1918; Bethelainville, France, 29 Oct 1918; Belrain, France, 15 Jan 1919; Colombey-les-Belles, France, 18 Jan 1919; Libourne, France, 25 Jan 1919; St. Denis-de-Piles, France, 29 Jan 1919; Libourne, France, 2 Feb 1919; Bordeaux, France, 10–19 Apr 1919; Hazelhurst Field, NY, 5 May 1919; Kelly Field, TX, c. May 1919 (Flight A operated from Eagle Pass, TX, 27 Aug 1919–; Flight B operated from Kelly Field No. 2, TX, 30 Sep–29 Nov 1919); Sanderson, TX, 29 Nov 1919 (Flight A operated from Eagle Pass, TX, to 12 Jun 1920 and from Del Rio, TX, 12 Jun 1920–30 Jun 1921); Kelly Field, TX, 2 Jul 1921; Ft Crockett, TX, 1 Jul 1926 (detachment operated from Ft Huachuca, AZ, 7 Apr–12 May 1929); Barksdale Field, LA, 27 Feb 1935; (deployed at Bakersfield, CA, 3–23 May 1937); Savannah, GA, 9 Oct 1940–19 Jan 1942; Brisbane, Australia, 25 Feb 1942; Charters Towers, Australia, 8 Mar 1942; Port Moresby, New Guinea, 28 Jan 1943; Dobodura, New Guinea, 21 May 1943; Nadzab, New Guinea, 5 Feb 1944; Hollandia, New Guinea, c. 7 May 1944; Dulag, Leyte, 16 Nov 1944; San Jose, Mindoro, 30 Dec 1944; Sobe, Okinawa, 6 Aug 1945; Atsugi, Japan, c. 8 Sep 1945; Yokota AB, Japan, 10 Oct 1946–1 Oct 1949. Iwakuni AB,

Japan, 25 Jun 1951; Kunsan AB, South Korea, c. 20 Aug 1951 (deployed at Pusan AB, South Korea, 25 Apr–17 May 1952); Johnson AB, Japan, 5 Oct 1954 (deployed at Itazuke AB, Japan, 18 Jan–2 Feb 1957); Yokota AB, Japan, 18 Nov 1960–9 Jun 1964; England AFB, LA, 9 Jun 1964–8 Feb 1966 (deployed at Clark AB, Philippines, 7 Feb–10 May 1965; Misawa AB, Japan, 3 Aug–5 Dec 1965); Bien Hoa AB, South Vietnam, 12 Feb 1966 (deployed at Phan Rang AB, South Vietnam, 9–14 Apr 1967); Nha Trang AB, South Vietnam, 31 Oct 1970; Kadena AB, Okinawa (later, Japan), 15 Apr 1972; Clark AB, Philippines, 15 Dec 1972; Elmendorf AFB, AK, 29 May 1991–.

Aircraft

In addition to Sopwith 1 and Salmson 2, briefly included Spad XI and Breguet 14 during 1918–1919; DH–4, 1919–c. 1925; GAX (GA–1), 1921–1922; O–2, 1921–1926, 1926–1928; in addition to DH–4, 1926–1932, and A–3, 1928–1934, included O–1, XO–6, A–8, and Y–8 in the 1920s and early 1930s; A–12, 1933–1936; A–17, 1936–1939; A–18, (later, B–18), 1939–1941; B–12, 1939–1940; A–20, 1941, 1943–1945; A–24, 1941, 1942; B–25, 1942–1944, 1945; A–26, (later B–26), 1945–1946, 1946–1949; B–24, 1944–1946. B–26, 1951–1956; B–57, 1956–1964; F–100, 1964–1969; A–37, 1969–1970; C–123, 1970–1972; C–130, 1970–1972; F–4, 1973–1991; F–15, 1991–.

Operations

Combat as corps observation unit with American I, III, and IV Army Corps, and French XVII Army Corps, 16 Jun–10 Nov 1918. Mexican border patrol, Sep 1919–Jun 1921 and Apr 1929. Antisubmarine, East coast of US, Dec 1941–Jan 1942; combat in Southwest and Western Pacific, Apr 1942–12 Aug 1945. Combat in Korea, 25 Jun 1951–27 Jul 1953. Combat in Southeast Asia, Feb 1966–Dec 1972. Not manned and non–operational Dec 1972–Aug 1973. Air defense of the Philippines, Sep 1973–May 1991. Air defense of Alaska, May 1991–.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War I: Lorraine; St Mihiel; Meuse-Argonne. World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater; East Indies; Air Offensive, Japan; Papua; New Guinea; Bismarck Archipelago; Western Pacific; Leyte; Luzon; Southern Philippines. Korea: CCF Spring Offensive; UN Summer-Fall Offensive; Second Korean Winter; Korea Summer-Fall, 1952; Third Korean Winter; Korea, Summer 1953. Vietnam: Vietnam Air; Vietnam Air Offensive;

Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air/Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; Tet 69/ Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer-Fall, 1969; Vietnam Winter-Spring, 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon; Commando Hunt V; Commando Hunt VI; Commando Hunt VII; Vietnam Ceasefire.

Armed Force Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Papua, 23 Jul 1942–23 Jan 1943; Bismarck Sea, 3–4 Mar 1943; New Guinea, 17 Aug 1943; Korea, [25 Jun]–9 Jul 1951; Korea, 1 May–27 Jul 1953. Presidential Unit Citations: Southeast Asia, 8 Jun 1966–16 Apr 1967; Southeast Asia, 6 Mar 1968–31 Jul 1969. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards With Combat “V” Device: 31 Jan–5 Mar 1968; 1 Aug 1969–20 Jan 1970; 21 Jan–30 Sep 1970; 1 Nov 1970–30 Jun 1971; 1 Sep–31 Dec 1971. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jun 1958–30 Jun 1960; 1 Jul 1960–31 Mar 1962; [9 Jun] 1964–16 Jul 1965; 3 Apr–31 May 1975; 1 Jul 1979–30 Jun 1981; 1 Jul 1981–30 Apr 1982; 22 Mar–1 Apr 1986; 1 Jan 1989–1 Jun 1990. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII). Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Crosses with Palm: [8 Feb 1966]–19 May 1969; 1 Apr 1966–15 Apr 1972; 1 May–30 Sep 1970.

Emblem

A pair of Red dice with White spots and edges, showing a “natural” (2 and 5). Approved on 14 Feb 1924 (K 2674). *MOTTO*: PAIR-O-DICE. Approved on 28 Dec 1992.



90th Flying Training Squadron

Constituted 90th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) on 13 Jan 1942. Activated on 9 Feb 1942. Redesignated: 90th Fighter Squadron on 15 May 1942; 90th Fighter Squadron (Single Engine) on 1 Jul 1942; 90th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 28 Feb 1944. Inactivated on 3 Nov 1945. Redesignated 90th Flying Training Squadron on 25 May 1972. Activated on 1 Jan 1973.

Assignments

80th Pursuit (later, 80th Fighter) Group, 9 Feb 1942–3 Nov 1945. 80th Flying Training Wing, 1 Jan 1973–.

Stations

Selfridge Field, MI, 9 Feb 1942; Newark, NJ, 24 Jun 1942; La Guardia Aprt, NY, 27 Aug 1942; Mitchel Field, NY, 27 Feb–30 Apr 1943; Karachi, India, 28 Jun 1943; Jorhat, India, c. 12 Sep 1943; Moran, India, Mar 1944; Tingkaw Sakan, Burma, 27 Aug 1944; Myitkyina, Burma, 21 Jan 1945; Moran, India, 5 May 1945; Dudhkundi, India, 30 May–6 Oct 1945; Camp Kilmer, NJ, 1–3 Nov 1945. Sheppard AFB, TX, 1 Jan 1973–.

Aircraft

P–47, 1942–1943; P–40, 1943–1944; P–47, 1944–1945. T–38, 1973–.

Operations

Combat in CBI, 16 Sep 1943–29 Apr 1945. Undergraduate pilot training for USAF and students from selected nations, 1973–1981; Euro-NATO joint pilot training, Oct 1981–.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: India-Burma; Central Burma.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: Assam, India, 27 Mar 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Nov 1975–30 Oct 1977; 10–20 Apr 1979; 30 Apr 1981–29 Apr 1983.

Emblem

On a Yellow disc edged Black, a caricatured, Black and White bear, standing on hind legs, facing toward dexter, wearing Red Brown boxing gloves on the forepaws, and swinging a left uppercut punch, leaving a comet trail of Red, White, and Blue flecked with four, White, five-point stars. Approved on 19 Jan 1945 (11461 A.C.).



91st Air Refueling Squadron

Constituted 1st Reconnaissance Squadron (Heavy) on 20 Nov 1940. Activated on 15 Jan 1941. Redesignated: 391st Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 22 Apr 1942; 391st Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, on 20 Aug 1943. Inactivated on 28 Aug 1945. Consolidated (19 Sep 1985) with the 91st Air Refueling Squadron, Medium, which was constituted on 1 Mar 1950. Activated on 16 Apr 1950. Redesignated 91st Air Refueling Squadron, Heavy, on 1 Jan 1963. Inactivated on 1 Oct 1987. Activated on 5 Jan 1988. Redesignated 91st Air Refueling Squadron on 1 Sep 1991.

Assignments

General Headquarters Air Force (later, Air Force Combat Command), 15 Jan 1941 (attached to 34th Bombardment Group, 15 Jan 1941–); 1st Bomber Command, 5 Sep 1941 (remained attached to 34th Bombardment Group); II Bomber Command, c. 25 Jan 1942 (attached to 34th Bombardment Group through 24 Feb 1942); 34th Bombardment Group, 25 Feb 1942–28 Aug 1945. 91st Strategic Reconnaissance Group, 16 Apr 1950 (attached to 91st Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, 10 Feb 1951–27 May 1952); 91st Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, 28 May 1952 (attached to 5th Air Division, 12 Jan–26 Feb 1954; Northeast Air Command, 6 Oct–12 Nov 1954 and 10 Jul–Oct 1955); 801st Air Division, 8 Nov 1957; 376th Bombardment Wing, 1 Dec 1957 (attached to 301st Air Refueling Wing, 4 May–14 Jun 1964); 301st Air Refueling Wing, 15 Jun 1964; 47th Air Division, 1 Jul 1971; 14th Air Division, 1 Apr 1972; 12th Strategic Missile Division, 1 Aug 1972; 384th Air Refueling (later, 384th Bombardment) Wing, 1 Dec 1972–1 Oct 1987. 301st Air Refueling Wing, 5 Jan 1988; 301st Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991; 43d Operations Group, 1 Jun 1992; 43d Air Refueling Group, 1 Jul 1994–.

Stations

Langley Field, VA, 15 Jan 1941; Westover Field, MA, 29 May 1941; Pendleton, OR, c. 25 Jan 1942; Davis-Monthan Field, AZ, c. 13 May 1942; Geiger Field (later, AAB), WA, 1 Jul 1942; Ephrata AAB, WA, 1 Dec 1942; Blythe AAB, CA, 11 Dec 1942–3 Apr 1944 (deployed at Salinas AAB, CA, 29 May–13 Jul 1943); Mendelsham, England, 23 Apr 1944–24 Jul 1945; Sioux Falls AAFld, SD, 13–28 Aug 1945. Barksdale AFB, LA, 16 Apr 1950; Lockbourne AFB, OH, 11 Sep 1951 (deployed at French Morocco, 12 Jan–26 Feb 1954; Goose AB, Labrador, 6 Oct–12 Nov 1954; and Ernest Harmon AFB, Newfoundland, 10 Jul–Oct 1955); McConnell AFB, KS, 30 Jun 1971–1 Oct 1987. Malmstrom AFB, MT, 5 Jan 1988–.

Aircraft

PT–17, 1941; B–17, 1941–1943, 1944–1945; B–18, 1941–1942; B–24, 1942–1943, 1944. KB–29, 1950–1953; KC–97, 1953–1963; KC–135, 1963–1987; UH–1, 1971–1972. KC–135, 1988–.

Operations

Antisubmarine patrols, Dec 1941–Oct 1942; combat in ETO, 24 May 1944–20 Apr 1945. Worldwide air refueling operations, 1950–1987, and 1988–. Crews and aircraft deployed to Southeast Asia to refuel tactical aircraft and

B–52s involved in combat in Vietnam, Jan 1965–Dec 1975. Refueled aircraft participating in the Grenada rescue mission, Oct–Nov 1983.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater; Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 8 Sep 1953–8 Nov 1957; 1 Oct 1966–1 Apr 1967; 1 Jul 1974–30 Jun 1976; 1 Jul 1976–30 Jun 1978; 1 Jul 1980–30 Jun 1981; 1 Jul 1988–30 Jun 1990.

Emblem

On a Yellow disc with land surfaces Green, longitude and latitude lines Black, a stylized cloud formation White, shaded Gray and edged Blue, thereover a flying refueling boom in bend, from left to right, Red, outlined and shaded Black. Approved on 3 Jun 1952 (44522 A.C.); replaced emblem approved on 24 Sep 1941 (9925 A.C.).



92d Air Refueling Squadron

Constituted 2d Reconnaissance Squadron (Heavy) on 20 Nov 1940. Activated on 15 Jan 1941. Redesignated: 392d Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 22 Apr 1942; 392d Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, on 5 May 1943. Inactivated on 30 Nov 1945. Consolidated (19 Sep 1985) with 92d Air Refueling Squadron, Heavy, which was constituted on 12 Feb 1957. Activated on 1 Jul 1957. Redesignated 92 Air Refueling Squadron on 1 Sep 1991.

Assignments

General Headquarters Air Force (attached to 30th Bombardment Group), 15 Jan 1941; 3d Bomber Command (remained attached to 30th Bombardment Group), 4 Sep 1941; 30th Bombardment Group, 22 Apr 1942–30 Nov 1945. 92d Bombardment (later, 92d Strategic Aerospace; 92d Bombardment) Wing, 1 Jul 1957 (attached to Second Air Force, 1 Jul–13 Sep 1957); 92d Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991; 453d Operations Group, 1 Jun 1992; 92d Operations Group, 1 Jul 1994–.

Stations

March Field, CA, 15 Jan 1941; New Orleans, LA, 5 May 1941; Muroc, CA, 25 Dec 1941; Hammer Field, CA, 27 Feb 1942 (detachment operated from San Diego, CA, 10 Apr–11 May 1942); March Field, CA, 15 Jul 1942–28 Sep 1943; Barking Sands, TH, 20 Oct 1943; Canton Island, 10 Nov 1943; Abemama, 10 Jan 1944; Kwajalein, 17 Mar 1944; Saipan, 4 Aug 1944; Kipapa, TH, 18 Mar 1945; Kahuku Field, TH, 29 Sep–30 Nov 1945. Bergstrom AFB, TX, 1 Jul 1957; Fairchild AFB, WA, 14 Sep 1957–.

Aircraft

B–18, 1941; B–17, 1941; LB–30, 1942; B–24, 1943–1945. KB–29, 1957; KC–135, 1958–1968, 1968–1969, 1969–.

Operations

Antisubmarine patrols off the west coast, Jan 1942–c. Jul 1943. Replacement training, Jun 1942–c. Jul 1943. Combat in Central and Western Pacific, 22 Nov 1943–19 Feb 1945. Worldwide air refueling, 1959–. Furnished tankers and crews to support combat in Southeast Asia, 1965–1975 and Southwest Asia, 15 Aug 1990–15 Apr 1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater; Central Pacific; Air Offensive, Japan; Eastern Mandates; Western Pacific.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat “V” Device: 2 Mar–30 Sep 1969. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 3 Mar–6 Oct 1959; 1 Jan 1961–31 Mar 1962; 1 Jul 1967–30 Jun 1968; 1 Jul–1 Oct 1968; 1 Jul 1969–30 Jun 1970; 1 Jul 1976–30 Jun 1977; 1 Jul 1987–30 Jun 1989. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 2 Mar–30 Sep 1969.

Emblem

Sable, a bend Gules surmounted by a globe axis bendwise Azure gridlined and outlined Argent bearing an eagle Vert, head and tail White, beak and feet Yellow, all within a diminished bordure of the first. Approved on 16 Nov 1994; replaced emblems approved on 6 Apr 1961 (K 12347) and 19 Jan 1943 (9925 A.C.). *MOTTO*: DANTIBUS DAMUS—We Give So That You May Give. Approved on 6 Apr 1961.



93d Air Refueling Squadron

Constituted 493d Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 19 Sep 1942. Activated on 25 Oct 1942. Redesignated 493d Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, on 6 Mar 1944. Inactivated on 6 Jan 1946. Consolidated (19 Sep 1985) with 93d Air Refueling Squadron, Medium, which was constituted on 2 Feb 1949. Activated on 1 Mar 1949. Redesignated: 93d Air Refueling Squadron, Heavy, on 1 Feb 1955; 93d Air Refueling Squadron on 1 Sep 1991. Inactivated on 31 Mar 1995. Activated on 31 Mar 1995.

Assignments

7th Bombardment Group, 25 Oct 1942–6 Jan 1946. 93d Bombardment Group, 1 Mar 1949 (attached to 93d Bombardment Wing, 15 Jul 1950–30 Jan 1951 and 10 Feb 1951–15 Jun 1952); 93d Bombardment Wing, 16 Jun 1952; 93d Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991; 398th Operations Group, 1 Jun 1992–31 Mar 1995. 92d Operations Group, 31 Mar 1995–.

Stations

Karachi, India, 25 Oct 1942; Pandaveswar, India, 7 Jan 1943; Tezgaon, India, 17 Jun 1944; Pandaveswar, India, 5 Oct 1944 (detachment at Luliang, China, 17 Dec 1944–26 Jan 1945); Dudhkundi, India, 31 Oct 1945; Kanchrapara, India, 19 Nov 1945; Camp Angus (near Calcutta), India, 25 Nov–7 Dec 1945; Camp Kilmer, NJ, 5–6 Jan 1946. Castle AFB, CA, 1 Mar 1949–31 Mar 1995 (operated from Upper Heyford RAF, England, 9 Dec 1951–6 Mar 1952; Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ, 1 Apr–15 May 1954; Ernest Harmon AFB, Newfoundland, 29 Jun–14 Aug 1954; Thule AB, Greenland, 19 Jan–c. 15 Mar 1955; Elmendorf AFB, AK, 2 Nov 1955–5 Jan 1956 and 27 Sep–c. 24 Dec 1956). Fairchild AFB, WA, 31 Mar 1995–.

Aircraft

B–24, 1943–1945. KB–29, 1950–1953; KC–97, 1953–1957; KC–135, 1957–.

Operations

Combat in CBI, 26 Jan 1943–10 Jun 1944 and 19 Oct 1944–3 Jul 1945; transported gasoline to forward bases in China, 20 Jun–30 Sep 1944, and dropped propaganda leaflets in Thailand, Jun–Sep 1945. Air refueling, Oct 1951–. Portions of the squadron deployed in support of operations in Southwest Asia, 2 Sep 1990–10 Mar 1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: India-Burma; Central Burma; China Defensive. Southwest Asia: Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: Thailand, 19 Mar 1945. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jan 1956–1 Jul 1959; 1 Jun 1962–1 Apr 1963; 1 Apr 1973–30 Jun 1974; 1 Jul 1983–30 Jun 1985; 1 Jul 1988–30 Jun 1990; 2 Aug 1990–11 Apr 1991.

Emblem

Azure, a pegasus ascending bendwise sinister Argent above a demi-globe issuant from sinister base of the first gridlined Or, a mullet of eight in sinister chief White; all within a diminished bordure Gules. *MOTTO*: DOMINI ARTIS—Masters of the Art. Approved on 9 Dec 1994; replaced emblem approved on 22 Jun 1955 (152926 A.C.).



94th Fighter Squadron

Organized as 94th Aero Squadron on 20 Aug 1917. Redesignated: 94th Squadron (Pursuit) on 14 Mar 1921; 94th Pursuit Squadron on 25 Jan 1923. Consolidated (8 Apr 1924) with 103d Aero Squadron which was organized on 31 Aug 1917, demobilized on 18 Aug 1919, and reconstituted. Redesignated: 94th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) on 6 Dec 1939; 94th Pursuit Squadron (Fighter) on 12 Mar 1941; 94th Fighter Squadron (Twin Engine) on 15 May 1942; 94th Fighter Squadron, Two Engine, on 28 Feb 1944. Inactivated on 16 Oct 1945. Redesignated: 94th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 5 Apr 1946; 94th Fighter Squadron, Jet Propelled, on 20 Jun 1946. Activated on 3 Jul 1946. Redesignated: 94th Fighter Squadron, Jet, on 15 Jun 1948; 94th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron on 16 Apr 1950; 94th Tactical Fighter Squadron on 1 Jul 1971; 94th Fighter Squadron on 1 Nov 1991.

Assignments

103d Aero: Unkn, 31 Aug 1917–Jul 1918; 2d Pursuit Group, Jul 1918; 3d Pursuit Group, Aug 1918–Jan 1919.

94th Aero (later, 94th Pursuit): Unkn, 20 Aug 1917–Mar 1918; 1st Pursuit Organization and Training Center, Mar 1918; 1st Pursuit Group, 5 May–Nov 1918; Third Army, Nov 1918–Apr 1919; unkn, Apr–Aug 1919. 1st Pursuit Group, 22 Aug 1919 to consolidation.

Consolidated Squadron: 1st Pursuit (later, 1st Fighter) Group, from consolidation in 1924 to 16 Oct 1945. 1st Fighter (later, 1st Fighter-Interceptor) Group, 3 Jul 1946 (attached to Alaskan Air Command, 13 Oct 1947–16 Feb 1948); 4705th Defense Wing, 6 Feb 1952; 27th Air Division, 1 Mar 1952; 1st Fighter Group, 18 Aug 1955; 1st Fighter Wing, 1 Feb 1961 (attached to 314th Air Division, c. 6 Jun–17 Nov 1969); 23d Air Division, 1 Dec 1969; 1st Tactical Fighter Wing, 1 Jul 1971; 1st Operations Group, 1 Oct 1991–.

Stations

103d Aero: Kelly Field, TX, 31 Aug 1917; Garden City, NY, 5–23 Nov 1917; Winchester, England, 8–23 Dec 1917; Issoudun, France, 24 Dec 1917; La Noblette, France, 18 Feb 1918; Bonne Maison (near Fismes), France, 10 Apr 1918; Bray Dunes, France, 2 May 1918; Leffrinckoucke, France, 5 May 1918; Crochte, France, 8 Jun 1918; Toul, France, 4 Jul 1918; Vaucouleurs, France, 7 Aug 1918; Lisle-en-Barrois, France, 20 Sep 1918; Foucaucourt, France, 6 Nov 1918; Colombey-les-Belles, France, 5 Jun 1919; Brest, France, 6–19 Feb 1919; Garden City, NY, 4–18 Mar 1919.

94th Aero (later, 94th Pursuit): Kelly Field, TX, 20 Aug 1917; Hazelhurst Field, NY, 5–27 Oct 1917; Paris, France, 18 Nov 1917; Issoudun, France, 24 Jan 1918; Villeneuve-les-Vertus, France, 5 Mar 1918; Epiez, France, 1 Apr 1918; Toul, France, 7 Apr 1918; Touquin, France, c. 30 Jun 1918; Saints, France, 9 Jul 1918; Rembercourt, France, 1 Sep 1918; Noers (near Longuyon), France, 20 Nov 1918; Coblenz, Germany, 31 Dec 1918; Colombey-les-Belles, France, 17 Apr 1919; Le Mans, France, 5–18 May 1919; Mitchel Field, NY, 1 Jun 1919; Selfridge Field, MI, 27 Jun 1919; Kelly Field, TX, c. 31 Aug 1919; Ellington Field, TX, 1 Jul 1921; Selfridge Field, MI, 1 Jul 1922 to consolidation.

Consolidated Squadron: Selfridge Field, MI, from consolidation in 1924; San Diego NAS, CA, 9 Dec 1941; Long Beach, CA, 6 Feb–20 May 1942; Kirton in Lindsey, England, 10 Jun 1942; Ibsley, England, 27 Aug–24 Oct 1942; Tafaraoui, Algeria, 15 Nov 1942; Nouvion, Algeria, 21 Nov 1942; Youks-les-Bains, Algeria, 28 Nov 1942 (detachments operated from Maison Blanche,

Algeria, 6–14 Dec 1942); Biskra, Tunisia, 14 Dec 1942; Chateaudun-du-Rhumel, Algeria, 14 Feb 1943; Mateur, Tunisia, c. 20 Jun 1943 (detachments operated from Dittaino, Sicily, 6–18 Sep 1943, and Gambut, Libya, 4–12 Oct 1943); Djedeida, Tunisia, c. 1 Nov 1943; Monserrato, Sardinia, 29 Nov 1943; Gioia del Colle, Italy, c. 10 Dec 1943; Salsola, Italy, Jan 1944 (detachments operated from Aghione, Corsica, 10–18 Aug 1944, and Vincenzo, Italy, 9 Jan–18 Feb 1945); Lesina, Italy, 16 Mar 1945; Marcianise, Italy, 26 Sep–16 Oct 1945. March Field (later, AFB), CA, 3 Jul 1946 (deployed at Ladd Field, AK, 13 Oct 1947–16 Feb 1948); George AFB, CA, 18 Jul 1950; Selfridge AFB, MI, 18 Aug 1955 (deployed at Osan AB, South Korea, c. 6 Jun–17 Nov 1969); Wurtsmith AFB, MI, 31 Dec 1969; MacDill AFB, FL, 1 Jul 1971; Langley AFB, VA, 30 Jun 1975–.

Aircraft

103d Aero: Spad VII, 1918; Spad XIII, 1918.

94th Aero (later, 94th Pursuit): Nieuport 28, 1918; Spad XIII, 1918–1919; 1921–1922; Fokker D–VII, Albatros D–V, Pfalz D–III, and Roland D–VI, during 1919; SE–5, 1919–1922; JN–4, JN–6, DH–4, Orenco D, and PW–5, during the period 1919 to consolidation in 1924; MB–3, 1922 to consolidation in 1924.

Consolidated Squadron: MB–3, from consolidation in 1924 to 1925; PW–8, 1924–1926; P–1, 1925–1931; P–2, P–3, and P–5, 1926–1931; P–12, 1930–1932; P–6, 1932; P–16, 1932–1934; P–6, P–26, and P–30 (PB–2), 1934–1938; P–35, 1934–1941; P–36, 1938–1940; P–40 (and probably P–43), 1939–1941; P–38, 1941–1945. P–80, 1946–1949; F–86, 1949–1960; F–106, 1960–1971; F–4, 1971–1975; F–15, 1976–.

Operations

103d Aero: Constructed facilities, Dec 1917–1 Feb 1918; with flight echelon originally composed of former members of the Lafayette Escadrille, participated in combat as a pursuit unit with the French Fourth Army, French Sixth Army, Detachment of the Armies of the North (French), French Eighth Army, and the American First Army, 18 Feb–10 Nov 1918.

94th Aero (later, 94th Pursuit): Combat as a pursuit unit with the French Sixth Army, French Eighth Army, and the American First Army, 19 Mar–10 Nov 1918; served with the Third Army as the pursuit aviation arm of the occupation forces, Nov 1918–Apr 1919.

Consolidated Squadron: Participated in gunnery practice, numerous maneuvers, and testing of aircraft, personnel, and equipment, 1921–1941. Antisubmarine

operations, 9 Dec 1941–24 Mar 1942; combat in ETO and MTO, 3 Aug 1942–4 May 1945. Air defense, Jul 1950–Jun 1971; F–4 replacement training, 1 Jul 1971–29 Jun 1975.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War I: Champagne (earned by 94th Aero and 103d Aero); Lorraine (earned by 94th Aero and 103d Aero); Flanders (earned by 103d Aero); Ile-de-France (earned by 94th Aero); Champagne-Marne (earned by 94th Aero); Oise-Aisne (earned by 94th Aero); Aisne-Marne (earned by 94th Aero); St Mihiel (earned by 94th Aero and 103d Aero); Meuse-Argonne (earned by 94th Aero and 103d Aero). World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater; Egypt-Libya; Air Offensive, Europe; Algeria-French Morocco (with Arrowhead for ground echelon only); Tunisia; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Anzio; Rome-Arno; Normandy; Northern France; North Apennines; Rhineland; Central Europe; Po Valley; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Italy, 25 Aug 1943; Italy, 30 Aug 1943; Ploesti, Rumania, 18 May 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 15 Jun 1982–15 Jun 1984; 16 Jun 1984–15 Jun 1986; 1 May 1992–30 Apr 1994. French Croix de Guerre with Palm (awarded to 94th Aero); French Croix de Guerre with Two Palms (awarded to 103d Aero); French Fourragere (awarded to 103d Aero).

Emblem

Within a Red circle in perspective, long axis vertical, Uncle Sam's top hat, upper portion, Blue background with White stars [pointing to dexter base]; middle portion, Red and White stripes; brim, White [pointing to sinister chief]; sweat band, Brown; inside of hat, Dark Blue. (Approved 15 Nov 1919 from World War I emblem [49003 A.C.]); canceled and replaced with emblem based on Lafayette Escadrille, 6 May 1924 (K 2813); original emblem reinstated 9 Jul 1942 (49003 A.C.). *MOTTO*: HAT IN THE RING. Approved in 1994.



94th Flying Training Squadron

Constituted 94th Troop Carrier Squadron on 14 May 1943. Activated on 1 Jun 1943. Inactivated on 31 Jul 1946. Redesignated 94th Troop Carrier Squadron, Medium, on 19 May 1949. Activated in the reserve on 27 Jun 1949. Ordered to active service on 1 Apr 1951. Inactivated on 3 Apr 1951. Redesignated 94th Airmanship Training Squadron on 30 Sep 1983. Activated on 1 Oct 1983. Redesignated 94th Flying Training Squadron on 31 Oct 1994.

Assignments

439th Troop Carrier Group, 1 Jun 1943; Third Air Force, 10 Jun–31 Jul 1946. 439th Troop Carrier Group, 27 Jun 1949–3 Apr 1951. United States Air Force Academy, 1 Oct 1983; 34th Operations Group, 31 Oct 1994–.

Stations

Alliance AAFld, NE, 1 Jun 1943; Sedalia AAFld, MO, 15 Jun 1943; Alliance AAFld, NE, 2 Aug 1943; Laurinburg-Maxton AAB, NC, 19 Dec 1943; Baer Field, IN, 2–12 Feb 1944; Balderton, England, 6 Mar 1944; Upottery, England, 26 Apr 1944 (operated from Orbetello, Italy, 18 Jul–24 Aug 1944); Juvincourt, France, 8 Sep 1944; Lonray, France, c. 28 Sep 1944; Chateaudun, France, 6 Nov 1944–Jul 1945; Baer Field, IN, Sep 1945; Sedalia AAFld, MO, Oct 1945–31 Jul 1946. Selfridge AFB, MI, 27 Jun 1949–3 Apr 1951. USAF Academy, CO, 1 Oct 1983–.

Aircraft

Principally C–47, 1943–1945, and C–46, 1945–1946. T–6, 1949–1950; T–7, 1949–1951; T–11, 1949–1951; TC–46, 1949–1951. UV–18, 1983–.

Operations

Airborne assaults on Normandy, Southern France, Holland, and Germany; relief of Bastogne; transportation of personnel and cargo in ETO and MTO during World War II. Taught soaring and parachuting to cadets at the USAFA, Oct 1983–.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Rome-Arno; Normandy; Northern France; Southern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: France, [6–7] Jun 1944. French Croix de Guerre with Palm: [6–7] Jun 1944; 15 Aug 1944. French Fourragere.

Emblem

On a Light Blue disc, a Blue stylized eagle's head, overlapped by a White stylized eagle's head, overlapped by a Red stylized eagle's head in descending order issuing from the right side and emitting three Yellow lightning flashes to base, all below a Silver Gray four pointed star fimbriated Blue; all within a narrow Yellow border. Approved on 23 Aug 1984 (DFSC 85–00526).



95th Fighter Squadron

Constituted 95th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) on 13 Jan 1942. Activated on 9 Feb 1942. Redesignated: 95th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor)(Twin Engine) on 22 Apr 1942; 95th Fighter Squadron (Twin Engine) on 15 May 1942; 95th Fighter Squadron, Two Engine, on 28 Feb 1944. Inactivated on 9 Sep 1945. Activated on 12 Apr 1947. Redesignated 95th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 15 Aug 1947. Inactivated on 2 Oct 1949. Redesignated 95th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron on 11 Sep 1952. Activated on 1 Nov 1952. Inactivated on 31 Jan 1973. Redesignated 95th Fighter-Interceptor Training Squadron on 15 Aug 1974. Activated on 1 Sep 1974. Redesignated: 95th Tactical Fighter Training Squadron on 1 Apr 1988; 95th Fighter Squadron on 1 Nov 1991.

Assignments

82d Pursuit (later, 82d Fighter) Group, 9 Feb 1942–9 Sep 1945. 82d Fighter Group, 12 Apr 1947–2 Oct 1949. 4710th Defense (later, 4710th Air Defense) Wing, 1 Nov 1952; 85th Air Division, 1 Mar 1956; Washington Air Defense Sector, 1 Sep 1958; New York Air Defense Sector, 1 Jul 1963; 21st Air Division, 1 Apr 1966 (attached to Fifth Air Force ADVON, 15 Nov 1969–); 20th Air Division, 19 Nov 1969–31 Jan 1973 (remained attached to Fifth Air Force ADVON to c. 1 May 1970). Air Defense Weapons Center, 1 Sep 1974; 325th Fighter Weapons (later, 325th Tactical Training) Wing, 1 Jul 1981; 325th Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991–.

Stations

Harding Field, LA, 9 Feb 1942; Muroc Lake, CA, 30 Apr 1942; Mines Field, CA, 20 May–16 Sep 1942; Eglington, Northern Ireland, 3 Oct 1942; Tafaroui, Algeria, 24 Dec 1942; Telergma, Algeria, 1 Jan 1943; Berteaux, Algeria, 28 Mar 1943; Souk-el-Arba, Algeria, 13 Jun 1943; Grombalia, Tunisia, 4 Aug 1943; San Pancrazio, Italy, 3 Oct 1943; Lecce, Italy, 10 Oct 1943; Vincenzo (later, Foggia No. 17), Italy, 11 Jan 1944; Lesina, Italy, c. 30 Aug–9 Sep 1945. Grenier Field (later, AFB), NH, 12 Apr 1947–2 Oct 1949 (deployed at Ladd AFB, AK, 4 Apr–29 Jun 1948). Andrews AFB, MD, 1 Nov 1952; Dover AFB, DE, 1 Jul 1963–31 Jan 1973 (deployed at Osan AB, South Korea, 15 Nov 1969–c. 1 May 1970). Tyndall AFB, FL, 1 Sep 1974–.

Aircraft

P–38, 1942–1945. P(later, F)–51, 1947–1949. F–94, 1952–1953; F–86, 1953–1958; F–102, 1958–1959; F–106, 1959–1972. T–33, 1974–1988; F–15, 1988–.

Operations

Combat in ETO and MTO, 25 Dec 1942–3 May 1945. Air defense, Nov 1952–Dec 1972. T–33 qualification training and target support, 1974–1988. Air superiority and dissimilar air combat training, 1988–. NORAD alert duties, 1988–1990.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Tunisia; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Rome-Arno; Normandy; Northern France; Southern France; North Apennines; Rhineland; Central Europe; Po Valley; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Italy, 25 Aug 1943; Italy, 2 Sep 1943; Ploesti, Rumania, 10 Jun 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1976–30 Jun 1977; 1 Jul 1977–30 Jun 1979; 1 Jul 1981–31 Mar 1983; 1 Jun 1983–31 May 1985.

Emblem

On a Blue disc with wide Yellow border a White skull with Black eye sockets, nose, teeth, etc., wearing a high Black silk hat and a monocle with Black ribbon. All above a White bow tie and within a “V” formed on the left by hand in White glove holding a Black cane with Yellow head and on the right by a Yellow lightning flash, both terminating in a White cloud issuing from base. Approved on 4 Feb 1954 (KE 4790).



95th Reconnaissance Squadron

Organized as 95th Aero Squadron on 20 Aug 1917. Demobilized on 18 Mar 1919. Organized on 12 Aug 1919. Redesignated: 95th Squadron (Pursuit) on 14 Mar 1921; 95th Pursuit Squadron on 30 Sep 1922; 95th Pursuit Squadron, Air Service, on 25 Jan 1923; 95th Pursuit Squadron, Air Corps, on 8 Aug 1926. Inactivated on 31 Jul 1927. Redesignated 95th Pursuit Squadron, and activated, on 1 Jun 1928. Redesignated: 95th Attack Squadron on 1 Mar 1935; 95th Bombardment Squadron (Medium) on 17 Oct 1939; 95th Bombardment Squadron, Medium, on 9 Oct 1944. Inactivated on 26 Nov 1945. Redesignated 95th Bombardment Squadron, Light, on 29 Apr 1947. Activated on 19 May 1947. Inactivated on 10 Sep 1948. Redesignated 95th Bombardment Squadron, Light, Night Intruder, on 8 May 1952. Activated on 10 May 1952. Redesignated 95th Bombardment Squadron, Tactical, on 1 Oct 1955. Inactivated on 25 Jun 1958. Redesignated 95th Reconnaissance Squadron on 20 Jan 1982. Activated on 1 Oct 1982. Inactivated on 15 Sep 1993. Activated on 1 Jul 1994.

Assignments

Unkn, 20 Aug 1917–Nov 1917; 3d Aviation Instruction Center, c. 16 Nov 1917; 1st Pursuit Organization and Training Center, c. 19 Feb 1918; 1st Pursuit Group, 5 May–24 Dec 1918; unkn, 24 Dec 1918–18 Mar 1919. 1st Pursuit Group, 12 Aug 1919; Air Corps Training Center, c. 7 Jun–31 Jul 1927. Unkn, 1 Jun 1928–30 May 1929 (possibly attached to 7th Bombardment Group); 17th Pursuit (later, 17th Attack; 17th Bombardment) Group, 31 May 1929–26 Nov 1945 (attached to 7th Bombardment Group, 31 May 1929–29 Oct 1931). 17th Bombardment Group, 19 May 1947–10 Sep 1948. 17th Bombardment Group, 10 May 1952–25 Jun 1958 (attached to 17th Bombardment Wing, 8 Jun 1957–25 Jun 1958). 17th Reconnaissance Wing, 1 Oct 1982; 9th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing (later, 9th Wing; 9th Reconnaissance Wing), 30 Jun 1991–15 Sep 1993. 55th Operations Group, 1 Jul 1994–.

Stations

Kelly Field, TX, 20 Aug 1917; Hazelhurst Field, NY, 5–27 Oct 1917; Issoudun, France, 16 Nov 1917; Villeneuve-les-Vertus, France, 18 Feb 1918; Epiez, France, 1 Apr 1918; Toul, France, 4 May 1918; Touquin, France, 28 Jun 1918; Saints, France, 9 Jul 1918; Rembercourt, France, 2 Sep 1918 (flight operated from Verdun, France, 7 Nov 1918–unkn); Colombey-les-Belles, France, c. 11 Dec 1918; Brest, France, 6–19 Feb 1919; Camp Mills, NY, 1 Mar 1919; Garden City, NY, 4–18 Mar 1919. Selfridge Field, MI, 12 Aug 1919; Kelly Field, TX, 31 Aug 1919; Ellington Field, TX, 1 Jul 1921; Selfridge Field, MI, 1 Jul 1922; March Field, CA, 7 Jun–31 Jul 1927. Rockwell Field, CA, 1 Jun 1928; March Field, CA, 29 Oct 1931; Rockwell Field, CA, 3 May 1932; March Field, CA, 14 May 1932; Rockwell Field, CA, 1 Jul 1932; March Field, CA, 9 Aug 1932; Rentschler Field, CT, 2 May 1938; March Field, CA, 20 May 1938 (operated from Kern County Aprt, Bakersfield, CA, 14–26 Jan 1940); McChord Field, WA, 26 Jun 1940; Pendleton Field, OR, 29 Jun 1941; Lexington County Aprt, SC, 15 Feb 1942; Barksdale Field, LA, 24 Jun–18 Nov 1942; Telergma, Algeria, c. 24 Dec 1942; Sedrata, Algeria, 14 May 1943; Djedeida, Tunisia, 25 Jun 1943; Villacidro, Sardinia, c. 5 Dec 1943; Poretta, Corsica, c. 19 Sep 1944; Dijon, France, c. 21 Nov 1944; Linz, Austria, c. 14 Jun 1945; Ebensee, Austria, 5 Jul 1945; Clastres, France, c. 3 Oct–c. 17 Nov 1945; Camp Myles Standish, MA, 25–26 Nov 1945. Langley Field, VA, 19 May 1947–10 Sep 1948. Pusan-East AB, South Korea, 10 May 1952 (operated from Pusan-West Airdrome, 1 Oct–20 Dec 1952); Miho AB, Japan, c. 9 Oct 1954–c. 19 Mar 1955; Hurlburt Field, FL, 1 Apr 1955–25 Jun 1958. RAF Alconbury, England, 1 Oct 1982–15 Sep 1993. RAF Mildenhall, England, 1 Jul 1994–.

Aircraft

Nieuport 28, 1918; Spad XIII, 1918. In addition to SE–5, 1919–1922, Spad XIII, 1919, 1921–1922, and MB–3, 1922–1925, included Fokker D–VII, and DH–4 during period 1919–1925; PW–8, 1924–1926; P–1, 1925–1927. PW–9, 1928–1929; P–12, 1929–1934, 1935–1936; P–26, 1934–1935; A–17, 1936–1939; B–18, 1939–1940; B–23, 1940–1941; B–25, 1941–1942; B–26, 1942–1945. B–26, 1952–1956; B–66, 1956–1958. U–2/TR–1, 1983–1993.

Operations

Combat as pursuit unit with French Sixth Army, French Eighth Army, and First Army, AEF, 8–c. 24 Mar, c. 28 Apr–10 Nov 1918. Antisubmarine patrols, c. 20 Dec 1941–c. Mar 1942. Combat in MTO and ETO, 30 Dec 1942–1 May 1945. German disarmament, Jun–Sep 1945. Not operational, 1947–1948. Combat in Korea, c. 10 May 1952–27 Jul 1953. Reconnaissance in support of combat operations in Southwest Asia, Jan 1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War I: Champagne; Lorraine; Ile-de-France; Champagne-Marne; Aisne-Marne; Oise-Aisne; St Mihiel; Meuse-Argonne. World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater; Tunisia; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Anzio; Rome-Arno; Southern France; North Apennines; Rhineland; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater. Korea: Korea Summer-Fall, 1952; Third Korean Winter; Korea, Summer 1953.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Italy, 13 Jan 1944; Schweinfurt, Germany, 10 Apr 1945; Korea, 1 Dec 1952–30 Apr 1953. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1985–30 Jun 1987; 1 Jul 1988–30 Jun 1990. French Croix de Guerre with Palm: Apr, May, and Jun 1944. Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation: 24 May 1952–31 Mar 1953.

Emblem

On a Light Blue disc edged Black a Brown kicking mule. Approved on 4 Mar 1924 (K 2676).



96th Air Refueling Squadron

Constituted 6th Reconnaissance Squadron (Medium) on 20 Nov 1940. Activated on 15 Jan 1941. Redesignated: 396th Bombardment Squadron (Medium) on 22 Apr 1942; 396th Bombardment Squadron, Medium, c. 9 May 1943. Inactivated on 27 Jan 1946. Consolidated (19 Sep 1985) with 96th Air Refueling Squadron, Medium, which was constituted on 6 Nov 1953. Activated on 18 Nov 1953. Redesignated 96th Air Refueling Squadron, Heavy, on 8 Mar 1958. Discontinued on 1 Oct 1960. Organized on 15 Dec 1960. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 25 Jun 1965. Redesignated 96th Air Refueling Squadron, and activated, on 1 Apr 1994.

Assignments

41st Bombardment Group, attached 15 Jan 1941, assigned 25 Feb 1942–27 Jan 1946. 96th Bombardment Wing, 18 Nov 1953 (attached to Northeast Air Command, 5 Oct–20 Nov 1954, 1 Aug–14 Sep 1955, 18–31 Jan 1956; Alaskan Air Command and 303d Bomb Wing [split deployment], 25 Jun–9 Oct 1956; 98th Air Base Group, 10 Jan–7 Apr 1957); 11th Bombardment Wing, 3 Dec 1957–1 Oct 1960. 11th Bombardment (later, 11th Strategic Aerospace) Wing, 15 Dec 1960–25 Jun 1965. 453d Operations Group, 1 Apr 1994; 92d Operations Group, 1 Jul 1994–.

Stations

March Field, CA, 15 Jan 1941; Tucson, AZ, 16 May 1941; Muroc, CA, 8 Dec 1941; Sacramento, CA, c. 11 Jan 1942; (operated from Alameda, CA, Apr–10 May 1942; a detachment of the air echelon operated from Cherry Point, NC, Jun–Aug 1942); Hammer Field, CA, 24 Aug 1942 (stationed temporarily at Alameda, CA, 1 Dec 1942–Feb 1943; Sacramento, CA, 17 Feb–29 Sep 1943); Hickam Field, TH, 20 Oct 1943; Tarawa, 24 Dec 1943; Makin, 20 Apr 1944; Wheeler Field, TH, 14 Oct 1944–20 May 1945; Okinawa, 7 Jun 1945; Manila, Luzon, Dec 1945–27 Jan 1946; Altus AFB, OK, 18 Nov 1953–1 Oct 1960 (deployed at Ernest Harmon AFB, Newfoundland, 5 Oct–20 Nov 1954; Thule AFB, Greenland, 1 Aug–14 Sep 1955 and 18–31 Jan 1956; Elmendorf AFB, AK, and Andersen AFB, Guam [split deployment], 25 Jun–9 Oct 1956). Altus AFB, OK, 15 Dec 1960–25 Jun 1965. Fairchild AFB, WA, 1 Apr 1994–.

Aircraft

PT–17, 1941; B–18, 1941–1942; LB–30, 1941–1942; A–29, 1941–1942; B–25, 1942–1945. KC–97, 1954–1958; KC–135, 1958–1960. KC–135, 1960–1965.

Operations

Antisubmarine patrols, Dec 1941–Aug 1942; Dec 1942–Feb 1943. Combat in Central Pacific, 19 Jan–23 Sep 1944, and Western Pacific, 9 Jul–12 Aug 1945. Air refueling to meet global commitments, Jul 1954–Oct 1960 and Dec 1960–Jun 1965.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater; Air Offensive, Japan; Eastern Mandates; Western Pacific; Ryukyus; China Offensive.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: Japan, 4 Apr–14 Jul 1945. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 6 Aug 1954–15 Jul 1957; 27 Oct 1958–16 Sep 1960.

Emblem

Argent an eagle descending Sable, tail and head of the first beak and feet Or grasping in dexter talons an olive branch Vert and in sinister talons a sheaf of three arrows Yellow; all within a diminished bordure of the fourth. *MOTTO*: UBIQUE—Everywhere. Approved on 19 Jun 1956; modified on 9 Dec 1994.



96th Bomb Squadron

Organized as 96th Aero Squadron on 20 Aug 1917. Redesignated: 96th Squadron (Bombardment) on 14 Mar 1921; 96th Bombardment Squadron on 25 Jan 1923; 96th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 6 Dec 1939; 96th Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, c. 6 Mar 1944. Inactivated on 28 Feb 1946. Redesignated 96th Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, on 5 Apr 1946. Activated on 1 Jul 1947. Redesignated 96th Bombardment Squadron, Medium, on 28 May 1948. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 1 Apr 1963. Redesignated 96th Bomb Squadron on 28 Sep 1993. Activated on 1 Oct 1993.

Assignments

Unkn, 20 Aug 1917–Sep 1918; 1st Day Bombardment Group, Sep–Nov 1918; unkn, Nov 1918–Sep 1919; 1st Day Bombardment (later, 2d Bombardment) Group, 18 Sep 1919–28 Feb 1946 (attached to 1st Surveillance Group, 12 Nov 1919–10 Jan 1921, and to 1st Provisional Air Brigade, May–Oct 1921). 2d Bombardment Group, 1 Jul 1947; (attached to 2d Bombardment Wing, 10 Feb 1951–15 Jun 1952); 2d Bombardment Wing, 16 Jun 1952–1 Apr 1963. 2d Operations Group, 1 Oct 1993–.

Stations

Kelly Field, TX, 20 Aug–7 Oct 1917; Clermont-Ferrand, France, 16 Nov 1917; Amanty, France, 18 May 1918; Maulan, France, 23 Sep 1918; Colombey-les-Belles, France, 10 Jan 1919; St Denis de Pile, France, 13 Feb 1919; Libourne, France, 12–16 Apr 1919; Mitchel Field, NY, 2 May 1919; Ellington Field, TX, 26 May 1919; Camp Furlong, NM, c. 28 Jun 1919; Fort Bliss, TX, 3 Jul 1919 (flight operated from Douglas, AZ, c. 10 Aug 1919–10 Jan 1920); Kelly Field, TX, 12 Jan 1920 (operated from Langley Field, VA, 20 May–26 Oct 1921); Langley Field, VA, 30 Jun 1922; Ephrata, WA, 29 Oct 1942; Glasgow, MT, 29 Nov 1942–14 Mar 1943; Navarin, Algeria, 25 Apr 1943; Chateaudun-du-Rhumel, Algeria, 27 Apr 1943; Ain M'lila, Algeria, 17 Jun 1943; Massicault, Tunisia, 30 Jul 1943; Amendola, Italy, c. 10 Dec 1943; Foggia, Italy, c. 20 Oct 1945–28 Feb 1946. Andrews Field, MD, 1 Jul 1947; Davis-Monthan Field (later, AFB), AZ, 24 Sep 1947; Chatham AFB, GA, 1 May 1949; Hunter AFB, GA, 29 Sep 1950–1 Apr 1963 (deployed at Bassingbourne RAF Station, England, 4 May–24 Sep 1951; Upper Heyford RAF, England, 4 Sep–3 Dec 1952; Sidi Slimane Afd, French Morocco, 11 Aug–20 Sep 1954 and 6 Jul–24 Aug 1956). Barksdale AFB, LA, 1 Oct 1993–.

Aircraft

In addition to Breguet 14, included DH–4, 1918; included DH–4, Caproni bomber, HP 0/400, and MB–2 (NBS–1) during period 1919–1928; included LB–5, LB–7, B–3, and apparently B–5 during period 1928–1932; primarily B–6 during period 1932–1936; in addition to B–10, B–17, and B–18, included B–25 during period 1936–1942; B–17, 1942–1945. B–29, 1947–1950; B–50, 1949–1954; B–47, 1954–1963.

Operations

Combat as a day bombardment unit with the French Eighth and American First Army, 12 Jun–4 Nov 1918. Mexican border patrol, Aug 1919–10 Jan 1920; participated in demonstrations of the effectiveness of aerial bombardment on warships, Jun–Sep 1921, and 5 Sep 1923; good-will flights to South America, 1938–1939. Antisubmarine patrols, 8 Dec 1941–c. 28 Oct 1942; combat in MTO and ETO, 28 Apr 1943–1 May 1945. Strategic bombardment training, 1 Jul 1947–1 Apr 1963.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War I: Lorraine; St Mihiel; Meuse-Argonne. World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater; Air Offensive, Europe; Tunisia; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Anzio; Rome-Arno; Normandy; Northern France; Southern France; North Apennines; Rhineland; Central Europe; Po Valley; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Steyr, Austria, 24 Feb 1944; Germany, 25 Feb 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award: 1 Nov 1956–1 Apr 1957.

Emblem

On a Black disc edged with a narrow White inner border and a narrow Black outer border a Red demi-devil issuing from base grasping in its right hand a White aerial bomb pointing to base. Approved on 4 Mar 1924 (K 2676) and slightly modified in 1994.



97th Air Refueling Squadron

Constituted 20th Reconnaissance Squadron (Light) on 20 Nov 1940. Activated on 15 Jan 1941. Redesignated: 97th Bombardment Squadron (Light) on 14 Aug 1941; 97th Bombardment Squadron, Light, on 20 Aug 1943. Inactivated on 31 Mar 1946. Consolidated (19 Sep 1985) with the 97th Air Refueling Squadron, Medium, which was constituted on 2 Feb 1949. Activated on 1 Mar 1949. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 15 Mar 1964. Redesignated 97th Air Refueling Squadron, Heavy, and activated, on 8 Oct 1964. Organized on 23 Oct 1964. Redesignated 97th Air Refueling Squadron on 1 Sep 1991. Inactivated on 1 Apr 1992. Activated on 1 Oct 1992.

Assignments

General Headquarters Air Force (later, Air Force Combat Command), 15 Jan 1941 (attached to the 17th Bombardment Group, 15 Jan–7 May 1941; 47th Bombardment Group, 8 May–13 Aug 1941); 47th Bombardment Group, 14 Aug 1941–31 Mar 1946. 97th Bombardment Group, 1 Mar 1949 (attached to the 97th Bombardment Wing, 12 Jul 1950–15 Jun 1952); 97th Bombardment Wing, 16 Jun 1952 (attached to Fifteenth Air Force, c. 31 May–10 Jul 1955); 4061st Air Refueling Wing, 1 Sep 1957; 9th Bombardment (later, 9th Strategic Aerospace) Wing, (attached to 341st Combat Support Group), 15 Jul 1961; 28th Bombardment Wing, 1 Jul 1962–15 Mar 1964. Strategic Air Command, 8 Oct 1964; 97th Bombardment Wing, 23 Oct 1964; 97th Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991–1 Apr 1992. 43d Operations Group, 1 Oct 1992; 453d Operations Group, 1 Apr 1994; 92d Operations Group, 1 Jul 1994–.

Stations

McChord Field, WA, 15 Jan 1941; Fresno AB (later, Hammer Field), CA, 11 Aug 1941; Will Rogers Field, OK, 15 Feb 1942; Greensboro Aprt, NC, 16 Jul 1942; Langley Field, VA, 6–27 Oct 1942; Casablanca, French Morocco, 7 Nov 1942; Mediouna, French Morocco, 18 Nov 1942; Thelepte, Tunisia, 27 Dec 1942; Youks-les-Bains, Algeria, 15 Feb 1943; Canrobert, Algeria, 21 Feb 1943; Thelepte, Tunisia, 31 Mar 1943; Souk-el-Arba, Tunisia, c. 30 Apr 1943; Grombalia, Tunisia, 1 Jun 1943; Takali Airdrome, Malta, 23 Jul 1943; Torrente Comunelli, Sicily, 12 Aug 1943; Catania, Sicily, 19 Aug 1943; Grottaglie Airdrome, Tarranto, Italy, c. 24 Sep 1943; Vincenzo Airfield, Foggia, Italy, 17 Oct 1943; Vesuvius Airfield, San Guiseppe, Italy, c. 8 Jan 1944; Capodichino, Italy, 22 Mar 1944; Vesuvius Airfield, San Guiseppe, Italy, 26 Apr 1944; Ponte Galeria, Italy, 12 Jun 1944; Grossetto, Italy, 28 Jun 1944; Poretto, Corsica, 15 Jul 1944; Salon, France, 7 Sep 1944; Follonica, Italy, 19 Sep 1944; Rosignano Afld, Italy, 9 Oct 1944; Grossetto, Italy, 6 Dec 1944; Pisa, Italy, 31 Mar–25 Jun 1945; Camp Kilmer, NJ, 11 Jul 1945; Seymour Johnson Field, NC, 14 Jul 1945; Lake Charles AAFld, LA, 9 Sep 1945–31 Mar 1946. Biggs AFB, TX, 1 Mar 1949 (deployed at Upper Heyford, England, 15 Mar–11 Jun 1952; Ernest Harmon AFB, Newfoundland, 21 Nov–20 Dec 1954 and c. 31 May–10 Jul 1955; RAF Greenham Common, England, 1 May–9 Jul 1956; Goose AB, Labrador, Apr–1 Sep 1957); Malmstrom AFB, MT, 1 Sep 1957–15 Mar 1964. Blytheville (later, Eaker) AFB, AR, 8 Oct 1964–1 Apr 1992. Malmstrom AFB, MT, 1 Oct 1992; Fairchild AFB, WA, 1 Apr 1994–.

Aircraft

B–18, 1941–1942; B–24, 1941–1942; DB–7, 1942; A–20, 1942–1945; A–26 (later, B–26), 1945–1946. B–29, 1950; KB–29, 1950–1954; KC–97, 1954–1964. KC–135, 1964–.

Operations

Antisubmarine patrols, Dec 1941–Jan 1942. Combat in MTO, 28 Dec 1942–30 Apr 1945. Air refueling operations, 1951–1964 and 1964–.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater; Algeria-French Morocco; Tunisia; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Anzio; Rome-Arno; Southern France; North Apennines; Po Valley; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: Po Valley, 21–24 Apr 1945. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jun 1955–1 Sep 1957; 2 Jul–3 Nov 1957; 1 Jul 1975–30 Jun 1977; 1 Jul 1977–30 Jun 1978; 1 Jul 1978–30 Jun 1980; 1 Jul 1980–30 Jun 1982; 1 Jul 1986–30 Jun 1988.

Emblem

Azure the constellation Ursa Major (seven mullets of eight Or) bendwise sinister enfiling a double eliptoid contrail bendwise Gules issuant from a pair of flight symbols ascending bendwise Red to dexter of Blue, all within a diminished bordure of the first. *MOTTO*: PRO POTENTIA INTER ASTRA—For Strength Among the Stars. Approved on 9 Dec 1994; replaced emblems approved on 10 Sep 1965 (K&KE 300), 2 Nov 1955 (154269 A.C.), and 9 Aug 1944 (8791 A.C.).



98th Air Refueling Squadron

398th Bombardment Squadron (Medium) (constituted as 8th Reconnaissance Squadron [Medium] on 13 Jan 1942; activated on 1 Feb 1942; redesignated 398th Bombardment Squadron [Medium] on 22 Apr 1942; disbanded on 10 Oct 1943; reconstituted on 19 Sep 1985) consolidated (19 Sep 1985) with 398th Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, (constituted on 28 Feb 1944; activated on 11 Mar 1944; inactivated on 15 Jun 1946) and 98th Air Refueling Squadron, Medium (constituted on 1 Aug 1950; activated on 16 Aug 1950; inactivated on 8 Apr 1952; activated on 8 Apr 1952; inactivated on 25 Nov 1953; activated on 18 Feb 1954; discontinued, and inactivated, on 15 Apr 1963). Redesignated 98th Air Refueling Squadron, Heavy on 19 Sep 1985. Redesignated 98th Air Refueling Squadron, and activated, on 1 Apr 1994.

Assignments

21st Bombardment Group, attached on 1 Feb 1942, and assigned 22 Apr 1942–10 Oct 1943. 504th Bombardment Group, 11 Mar 1944–15 Jun 1946. 98th Bombardment Group, 16 Aug 1950–8 Apr 1952. 98th Bombardment Group (attached to 6th Air Division) 8 Apr 1952; 98th Bombardment Wing (attached to 6th Air Division) 16 Jun 1952; 6th Air Division, 1 Jul 1953; 806th Air Division, 22–25 Nov 1953. 98th Bombardment Wing, 18 Feb 1954–15 Apr 1963 (attached to 98th Air Base Group 18 Feb–1 Aug 1954; unkn, 7 Jan–21 Feb 1955; Ernest Harmon Task Force, 27 Dec 1956–14 Mar 1957 and 28 Dec 1957–25 Mar 1958; Lajes Tanker Task Force, 1 Apr–8 Jul 1959 and 2 Oct 1962–7 Jan 1963). 453d Operations Group, 1 Apr 1994; 92d Operations Group, 1 Jul 1994–.

Stations

Bowman Field, KY, 1 Feb 1942; Jackson AAB, MS, 8 Feb 1942; Columbia AAB, SC, 24 Apr 1942; Key Field, MS, 26 May 1942; MacDill Field, FL, 26 Jun 1942–10 Oct 1943. Dalhart AAFld, TX, 11 Mar 1944; Fairmont AAFld, NE, 12 Mar–5 Nov 1944; North Field, Tinian, 23 Dec 1944; Clark Field, Luzon, 13 Mar–15 Jun 1946. Spokane (later, Fairchild) AFB, WA 16 Aug 1950–8 Apr 1952. MacDill AFB, FL, 8 Apr 1952; Lake Charles AFB, LA, 22–25 Nov 1953. Lincoln AFB, NE, 18 Feb 1954–15 Apr 1963 (deployed at Goose AB, Labrador, 7 Jan–21 Feb 1955; RAF Mildenhall, England, 7 Nov 1955–31 Jan 1956; Ernest Harmon AB, Newfoundland, 27 Dec 1956–14 Mar 1957 and 28 Dec 1957–25 Mar 1958; Lajes AFB, Azores, 1 Apr–8 Jun 1959 and 2 Oct 1962–7 Jan 1963). Fairchild AFB, WA, 1 Apr 1994–.

Aircraft

B–25, 1942; B–26, 1942–1943. B–17, 1944; B–29, 1944–1946. KC–97, 1953. KC–97, 1954–1963.

Operations

Antisubmarine patrols in the Gulf of Mexico, 8 Jun 1942 and 31 Jul–8 Aug 1942. Operational training unit, Jun 1942–Jul 1943. Combat in Western Pacific, 16 Jun–14 Aug 1945. Not operational, 16 Aug 1950–8 Apr 1952. Ferried aircraft, Apr 1952–Nov 1953. Worldwide air refueling, 1954–1963.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater; Air Offensive, Japan; Eastern Mandates; Western Pacific.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Yokahama, Japan, 28 May 1945; Japan and Korea, 27 Jul–14 Aug 1945.

Emblem

On a White disc, edged Red, the character Woody Woodpecker, in his natural colors of Red, Light Blue, White, Yellow, and Black, flying through the air, and carrying with his feet a Red gasoline container with Yellow, White and Black detail. COPYRIGHT—Walter Lantz. Approved on 11 Aug 1955 (153164 A.C.); replaced emblem approved on 20 Sep 1944 (29126 A.C.).



98th Flying Training Squadron

Constituted 98th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 2 Dec 1941. Activated on 16 Dec 1941. Redesignated: 98th Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, on 25 Jun 1943; 98th Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, on 30 Apr 1946. Inactivated on 20 Oct 1948. Redesignated 98th Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, and activated, on 1 Dec 1948. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 1 Feb 1963. Redesignated 98th Flying Training Squadron on 29 Apr 1988. Activated on 1 Jun 1988. Inactivated on 26 Jun 1992. Activated on 31 Oct 1994.

Assignments

11th Bombardment Group, 16 Dec 1941–20 Oct 1948. 11th Bombardment Group, 1 Dec 1948 (attached to 11th Bombardment Wing, 16 Feb 1951–15 Jun 1952); 11th Bombardment Wing, 16 Jun 1952; 4123d Strategic Wing, 10 Dec 1957–1 Feb 1963. 82d Flying Training Wing, 1 Jun 1988; 82d Operations Group, 15 Dec 1991–26 Jun 1992. 34th Operations Group, 31 Oct 1994–.

Stations

Hickam Field, TH, 16 Dec 1941; Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides, 11 Aug 1942 (air echelon operated from New Caledonia, 21 Jul–11 Aug 1942, and from Guadalcanal, Nov–Dec 1942); Mokuleia, TH, 8 Apr 1943; Nukufetau, Ellice Islands, 11 Nov 1943; Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, 20 Jan 1944; Kwajalein, Marshall Islands, 3 Apr 1944; Guam, 21 Oct 1944; Okinawa, 2 Jul 1945; Ft William McKinley, Luzon, Dec 1945; Guam, 15 May 1946–20 Oct 1948. Carswell AFB, TX, 1 Dec 1948 (deployed at Brize Norton, England, 27 Jun–7 Jul 1952; Nouasseur AB, French Morocco, 6–14 Apr and 30 Jun–29 Jul 1954, 2–9 May 1955, 15–27 Feb and Oct 1956); Clinton–Sherman AFB, OK, 1 Mar 1959–1 Feb 1963. Williams AFB, AZ, 1 Jun 1988–26 Jun 1992. USAF Academy, CO, 31 Oct 1994–.

Aircraft

B–18, 1942; B–17, 1942–1943; B–24, 1943–1945; B–29, 1946. B–36, 1949–1957; B–52, 1958–1963. T–37, 1988–1992.

Operations

Search missions from Hawaii, c. May–Jun 1942; May–Oct 1943. Combat in South and Southwest Pacific, 31 Jul 1942–c. 14 Feb 1943; in Central Pacific, Jun, Jul, Sep 1943; and in Central and Western Pacific, 14 Nov 1943–12 Aug 1945. Non-operational, 1947–1948. Undergraduate pilot training, 1988–1992.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Central Pacific; Air Offensive, Japan; Papua; Guadalcanal; Eastern Mandates; Western Pacific; Ryukyus; China Offensive; Air Combat, Asiatic-Pacific Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: South Pacific, 31 Jul–30 Nov 1942. Presidential Unit Citation (Navy): Solomons, [1942]. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 6 Aug 1954–15 Jul 1957; 6 Oct 1959–15 Jul 1960; 1 Jun 1989–31 May 1991.

Emblem

Celeste, a parachute Azure and Argent surmounted in base by a falcon stooping of the last grasping two lightning bolts saltirewise Or, all within a diminished bordure Sable. Approved on 14 Mar 1996; replaced emblem approved on 20 Sep 1944.



99th Air Refueling Squadron

Constituted 9th Reconnaissance Squadron (Heavy) on 28 Jan 1942. Redesignated 399th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 22 Apr 1942. Activated on 15 Jul 1942. Inactivated on 1 May 1944. Consolidated (19 Sep 1985) with 99th Air Refueling Squadron, Heavy, which was constituted on 12 Feb 1957. Activated on 1 Jul 1957. Inactivated on 30 Sep 1973. Activated on 1 Oct 1983. Redesignated 99th Air Refueling Squadron on 1 Sep 1991.

Assignments

88th Bombardment Group, 15 Jul 1942–1 May 1944. 4050th Air Refueling Wing, 1 Jul 1957; 499th Air Refueling Wing, 1 Jan 1963; 99th Bombardment Wing, 1 Jan 1966–30 Sep 1973. 19th Air Refueling Wing, 1 Oct 1983; 19th Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991–.

Stations

Salt Lake City AAB, UT, 15 Jul 1942; Geiger Field, WA, 1 Sep 1942; Walla Walla AAB, WA, 21 Sep 1942; Rapid City AAB, SD, 26 Oct 1942; Walla Walla AAB, WA, 28 Nov 1942; Redmond Muni Aprt, OR, 1 Jan 1943; Walla Walla AAB, WA, 2 Feb 1943; Madras AAFld, OR, 11 Jun 1943; Walla Walla AAFld, WA, 21 Jul 1943; Avon Park AAFld, FL, c. 7 Nov 1943–1 May 1944. Turner AFB, GA, 1 Jul 1957; Westover AFB, MA, 22 Aug 1957–30 Sep 1973. Robins AFB, GA, 1 Oct 1983–.

Aircraft

B–17, 1942–1944. KC–135, 1957–1973; EC–135, 1965–1970. KC–135, 1983–; EC–135, 1984–; EC–137, 1991–.

Operations

Operational training unit, Oct–Nov 1942; replacement training unit, Dec 1942–May 1943 and Nov 1943–Apr 1944. Theater and overseas aerial refueling, beginning 1958, including support of operations in Southeast Asia, 1965–1973; airborne command post mission, 1965–1970. Worldwide aerial refueling, 1983– and airborne command post mission, 1984–; supported operations in Grenada, 23–24 Oct 1983; Panama, 18–21 Dec 1989; and Southwest Asia, Aug 1990–Mar 1991.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat “V” Device: 2–21 Mar 1969 and 15–31 Mar 1970. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: [1 Jul 1957]–1 Dec 1959; 1 Oct 1967–1 Mar 1968; 2 Mar–1 Apr 1968; 1 Jul 1971–30 Jun 1972;

1 Oct 1983–30 Jun 1984; 1 Jul 1984–30 Jun 1986; 1 Jun 1986–30 Jun 1987. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 2 Mar 1969–31 Mar 1970.

Emblem

On a disc, Black, a Light Blue globe, grid lines Black; over all a White stylized aircraft leaving a trail of Red exhaust encircling the globe and terminating in a split trail. Approved on 15 May 1959 (K 11153); replaced emblem approved on 25 Feb 1943 (9933 A.C.).



99th Airlift Squadron

Constituted 99th Troop Carrier Squadron on 25 May 1943. Activated on 1 Aug 1943. Inactivated on 27 Mar 1946. Redesignated 99th Troop Carrier Squadron, Medium, on 10 May 1949. Activated in the Reserve on 27 Jun 1949. Ordered to active service on 10 Mar 1951. Inactivated on 14 Mar 1951. Redesignated 99th Military Airlift Squadron, Special Mission, and activated on 27 Dec 1965. Organized on 8 Jan 1966. Inactivated on 12 Sep 1977. Redesignated 99th Military Airlift Squadron on 13 Sep 1988. Activated on 1 Oct 1988. Redesignated 99th Airlift Squadron on 12 Jul 1991.

Assignments

441st Troop Carrier Group, 1 Aug 1943; 27th Air Transport Group, 27 Aug 1945; United States Air Forces in Europe, 25 Sep 1945; Continental Air Forces (later, Strategic Air Command), 15 Feb–27 Mar 1946. 441st Troop Carrier Group, 27 Jun 1949–14 Mar 1951. Military Air Transport (later, Military Airlift) Command, 27 Dec 1965; 89th Military Airlift Wing, 8 Jan 1966–12 Sep 1977. 89th Military Airlift Wing, 1 Oct 1988; 89th Operations Group, 12 Jul 1991–.

Stations

Sedalia AAFld, MO, 1 Aug 1943; Camp Mackall, NC, 18 Jan 1944; Baer Field, IN, 22 Feb–2 Mar 1944; Langar, England, 17 Mar 1944; Merryfield, England, 25 Apr 1944 (portion of air echelon operated from Grosseto, Italy, 18 Jul–24 Aug 1944); Villeneuve/ Vertus, France, 8 Sep 1944 (operated from Langar, England, 11–24 Sep 1944); St Marceau, France, 1 Oct 1944; Dreux, France, 4 Nov 1944 (operated from Chartres, France, 14–24 Mar 1945, and from Croix de Metz, France, 29 Apr–16 May 1945); Villacoublay, France, c. 2 Sep 1945; Wiesbaden, Germany, c. 1 Oct 1945–15 Feb 1946; Bolling Field, DC, 15 Feb–27 Mar 1946. Chicago–Orchard (later, O’Hare Intl) Aprt, IL, 27 Jun 1949–14 Mar 1951. Andrews AFB, MD, 8 Jan 1966–12 Sep 1977. Andrews AFB, MD, 1 Oct 1988–.

Aircraft

C–47, 1943–1946; CG–4 gliders, 1943–1945; C–109, 1945–1946; C–46, 1945; C–53, 1945–1946; numerous other types from Sep 1945–Mar 1946, including AT–6, B–17, B–25, B–29, C–45, C–61, C–78, L–1, L–4, L–5, P–47, and P–51. C–46, 1949–1951. C–140, 1966–c. 1971; VC–140, 1966–1977; C–131, 1966–1968; U–4, 1966–1969; VC–6, 1966–1977; VC–131, 1968–1975; VC–9, 1975–1977. C–9, 1988–; C–20, 1988–.

Operations

Included World War II airborne assaults on Normandy, Southern France, Holland, and Germany; relief of Bastogne; aerial transportation in ETO and MTO. Provided airlift support for the President and other high-ranking dignitaries of the US and foreign governments, 1966–1977 and 1988–.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Rome-Arno; Normandy; Northern France; Southern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: France, [6–7] Jun 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1966–30 Jun 1968; 1 Jul 1968–30 Jun 1970; 1 Jul 1970–30 Jun 1972; 1 Jul 1972–30 Jun 1974; 1 Jul 1974–31 Dec 1975; 1 Jan 1976–31 Jan 1977; [1 Oct 1988]–30 Jun 1989; 1 Jul 1989–30 Jun 1991; 1 Jul 1991–30 Jun 1992.

Emblem

On a Light Blue disc, partially covered from base by a White cloud formation, overall a Blue grid of latitude and longitude lines issuing from base, superimposed by a Blue stylized aircraft and terminating at top in a Red stylized fox face emitting five Yellow rays; all within a narrow Blue border. *MOTTO*: SAM FOX. Approved on 24 Apr 1989 (DFSC 90–02529).



99th Flying Training Squadron

Constituted 99th Pursuit Squadron on 19 Mar 1941. Activated on 22 Mar 1941. Redesignated: 99th Fighter Squadron on 15 May 1942; 99th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 28 Feb 1944. Inactivated on 1 Jul 1949. Redesignated 99th Flying Training Squadron on 29 Apr 1988. Activated on 1 Jul 1988. Inactivated on 1 Apr 1993. Activated on 14 May 1993.

Assignments

Army Air Corps, 22 Mar 1941; Air Corps Technical Training Command, 26 Mar 1941; Southeast Air Corps (later, Southeast Army Air Forces) Training Center, 5 Nov 1941 (attached to III Fighter Command, 19 Aug 1942–c. 2 Apr 1943); Twelfth Air Force, 24 Apr 1943; XII Air Support (later, XII Tactical Air) Command, 28 May 1943 (attached to 33d Fighter Group, 29 May 1943; 324th Fighter Group, c. 29 Jun 1943; 33d Fighter Group, 19 Jul 1943; 79th Fighter Group, 16 Oct 1943; 324th Fighter Group, 1 Apr–6 Jun 1944); 332d Fighter Group, 1 May 1944 (attached to 86th Fighter Group, 11–30 Jun 1944); 477th Composite Group, 22 Jun 1945; 332d Fighter Group, 1 Jul 1947–1 Jul 1949. 82d Flying Training Wing, 1 Jun 1988; 82d Operations Group, 15 Dec 1991–1 Apr 1993. 12th Operations Group, 14 May 1993–.

Stations

Chanute Field, IL, 22 Mar 1941; Maxwell Field, AL, 5 Nov 1941; Tuskegee, AL, 10 Nov 1941–2 Apr 1943; Casablanca, French Morocco, 24 Apr 1943; Qued N'ja, French Morocco, 29 Apr 1943; Fardjouna, Tunisia, 7 Jun 1943; Licata, Sicily, 28 Jul 1943; Termini, Sicily, 4 Sep 1943; Barcellona, Sicily, 17 Sep 1943; Foggia, Italy, 17 Oct 1943; Madna, Italy, 22 Nov 1943; Capodichino, Italy, 16 Jan 1944; Cercola, Italy, 2 Apr 1944; Pignataro, Italy, 10 May 1944; Ciampino, Italy, 11 Jun 1944; Orbetello, Italy, 17 Jun 1944; Ramitelli, Italy, 6 Jul 1944; Cattolica, Italy, c. 5 May–Jun 1945; Godman Field, KY, 22 Jun 1945; Lockbourne AAB (later, AFB), OH, 13 Mar 1946–1 Jul 1949. Williams AFB, AZ, 1 Jun 1988–1 Apr 1993. Randolph AFB, TX, 14 May 1993–.

Aircraft

P-40, 1943–1944; P-39, 1944; P-51, 1944–1945; P-47, 1944, 1945–1949. T-38, 1988–1993.

Operations

Organized as the first Black flying unit in the Air Corps. Combat in MTO and ETO, 2 Jun 1943–30 Apr 1945. Undergraduate pilot training, 1988–1993.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Anzio; Rome-Arno; Southern France; North Apennines; Po Valley; Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Sicily, [Jun–Jul] 1943; Cassino, 12–14 May 1944; Germany, 24 Mar 1945.

Emblem

On a Blue disc, border of nine Golden Orange segments fimbriated of the field, issuing out of sinister chief toward dexter base a Golden Orange winged panther in striking position, proper, between four Yellow stars in dexter chief and five like stars in sinister base. Approved on 24 Jun 1944 (K 2823).



99th Reconnaissance Squadron

Organized as 99th Aero Squadron on 21 Aug 1917. Demobilized on 9 Jun 1919. Reconstituted as 99th Corps Observation Squadron [and organized] on 2 Jul 1919. Redesignated: 99th Squadron (Observation) on 14 Mar 1921; 99th Observation Squadron on 25 Jan 1923. Inactivated on 31 Jul 1927. Activated on 9 Nov 1928. Redesignated: 99th Bombardment Squadron on 1 Mar 1935; 99th Bombardment Squadron (Medium) on 6 Dec 1939; 99th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 20 Nov 1940; 99th Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, on 28 Mar 1944. Inactivated on 20 Oct 1948. Redesignated 99th Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, Photographic, and activated, on 1 May 1949. Redesignated: 99th Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, on 1 Apr 1950; 99th Bombardment Squadron, Medium, on 2 Oct 1950; 99th Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron on 25 Jun 1966. Inactivated on 1 Apr 1971. Activated on 1 Nov 1972. Redesignated 99th Reconnaissance Squadron on 1 Sep 1991.

Assignments

Unkn, 21 Aug–11 Dec 1917; Second Aviation Instruction Center, 12 Dec 1917–9 Mar 1918; unkn, 10 Mar–6 Aug 1918; V Corps Observation Group, 7 Aug–Dec 1918 (attached to Third Artillery Observation School, c. 1 Apr–31 May 1918); unkn, Dec 1918–May 1919; Eastern Department, May–9 Jun 1919. Eastern Department, 2 Jul 1919; Third Corps Area, 20 Aug 1920; District of Washington, c. Jan 1922; 8th Division, Air Service, 24 May 1923; Air Corps Training Center, Jun–31 Jul 1927. 9th Observation (later, 9th Bombardment) Group, attached 9 Nov 1928, assigned 15 Feb 1929–20 Oct 1948. 9th Strategic Reconnaissance (later, 9th Bombardment) Group, 1 May 1949 (attached to 9th Bombardment Wing, 10 Feb 1951–15 Jun 1952); 9th Bombardment (later, 9th Strategic Aerospace; 9th Strategic Reconnaissance) Wing, 16 Jun 1952–1 Apr 1971. 100th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, 1 Nov 1972–30 Jun 1976 (attached to Air Division Provisional, 17, 1 Nov 1972–1 Jan 1975); 9th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, 30 Jun 1976; 9th Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991–.

Stations

Kelly Field, TX, 21 Aug 1917; Garden City, NY, 3–14 Nov 1917; Tours, France, 12 Dec 1917; Haussimont, France, 11 Mar 1918; Amanty, France, 31 May 1918; Luxeuil-les-Bains, France, 1 Jul 1918 (flight operated from Corcieux, 19–24 Jul 1918 and Dogneville 24 Jul–26 Aug 1918); Souilly, France, 7 Sep 1918; Foucaucourt, France, 20 Sep 1918; Parois, France, 4 Nov 1918; Belrain, France, 31 Nov 1918; Chaumont-sur-Aire, France, 13 Dec 1918; Chaumont, France, c. 25 Dec 1918 (flights operated from Prauthoy, Bourbonne-les-Bains, and Montigny-le-Roi, France, until c. 1 Feb 1919); Colombey-les-Belles, France, 19 Feb 1919; Sadirac, France, 5 Mar–8 May 1919; Mitchel Field, NY, 24 May 1919; Hazelhurst Field, NY, 25 May–9 Jun 1919. Mitchel Field, NY, 2 Jul 1919; Camp Alfred Vail, NJ, Jul 1919; Bolling Field, DC, 17 Aug 1919; Kelly Field, TX, 23 Jun–31 Jul 1927. Mitchel Field, NY, 9 Nov 1928–6 Nov 1940; Rio Hato, Panama, 12 Nov 1940; Piarco Field, Trinidad, 17 Oct 1941; Zanderij (later, Zandery) Field, Surinam, c. 27 Nov 1941–31 Oct 1942; Orlando AB, FL, 31 Oct 1942; Montbrook AAFld, FL, 5 Feb 1943; Kissimmee AAFld, FL, 14 Nov 1943; Brooksville AAFld, FL, 5 Jan 1944; Orlando AB, FL, 25 Feb 1944; Dalhart AAFld, TX, c. 9 Mar 1944; McCook AAFld, NE, 19 May–18 Nov 1944; North Field, Tinian, 28 Dec 1944; Clark Field, Luzon, 14 Mar 1946; Harmon Field (later AFB) Guam, 9 Jun 1947–20 Oct 1948. Fairfield-Suisun (later Travis) AFB, CA, 1 May 1949 (detachments operated at Andersen AFB, Guam, c. 7 Aug–17 Sep 1950; 9 Apr–19 Jan 1951; and 17 Jun–22 Sep 1952); Mountain Home AFB, ID, 1 May 1953 (deployed at RAF

Fairford, England, 23 May–9 Jul 1955; Andersen AFB, Guam, c. 4 Oct 1947–c. 12 Jan 1958); Beale AFB, CA, 25 Jun 1966–1 Apr 1971. U–Tapao RTNAF, Thailand, 1 Nov 1972–30 Jun 1976; Beale AFB, CA, 30 Jun 1976–.

Aircraft

Sopwith 1, 1918; Salmson 2, 1918–1919. Included DH–4 and SE–5 during period 1919–1927. In addition to O–1, O–11, and O–25, included OA–2, O–31, Y1O–35, O–38, O–39, Y1O–40, O–40, and O–43 during period 1928–1936; in addition to B–10, 1936–1938, included OA–4, 1937; in addition to B–18, 1938–1942, included OA–8, 1939, P–12, 1939, and P–40, 1941–1942; B–25, 1943, B–26, 1943; B–17, 1943–1944; B–29, 1944–1946, 1946–1947. B/RB–17, 1949–1950; RB–29, 1949–1950; B–29, 1949–1954; B–47, 1954–1966; SR–71, 1966–1971. DC–130, 1972–1975; CH–3, 1972–1975; U–2, 1972–1976, 1976– (also carried TR–1 designation, 1981–1991); T–38, 1976–.

Operations

Combat as corps observation unit with French Eighth Army and American V Army Corps, 22–23 Jun, Sep–Nov 1918; school squadron with V Army Corps Infantry Liaison School, Jul–Sep 1918, during which time one flight of unit, operating in Vosges region of Alsace and Lorraine, participated in combat with French XXXIII Corps and American 5th Division, Jul–Aug 1918. Antisubmarine patrols, and reconnaissance of Vichy French fleet at Martinique, Dec 1941–Oct 1942. Trained cadres for bombardment units, Feb 1943–Feb 1944. Combat in Western Pacific, Jan–Aug 1945. Unmanned, Apr 1947–Oct 1948. Global strategic reconnaissance, 1967–1971 and 1972–present, including Southeast Asia, Nov 1972–Jun 1973; Grenada, 1983; Panama, 1989; and Southwest Asia, 1990–1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War I: Lorraine; Alsace; St Mihiel; Meuse-Argonne. World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater; Air Offensive, Japan; Eastern Mandates; Western Pacific. Vietnam: Vietnam Ceasefire. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

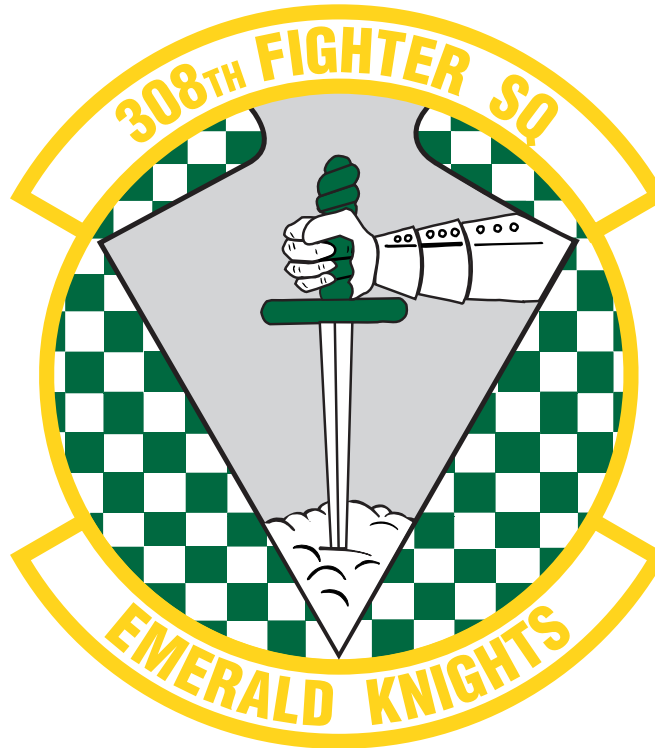
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Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Kawasaki, Japan, 15–16 Apr 1945; Japan, 13–28 May 1945. Presidential Unit Citation: 31 Mar–31 Dec 1968. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards With “V” Device: 1 Nov 1972–28 Jan 1973; 1 Nov 1972–30 Jun 1973. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jan 1957–31 Jan 1958; 1 Jul 1967–30 Jun 1968; 1 Jul 1970–1 Apr 1971; 1 Jul 1975–30 Jun 1976; 30 Jun 1976–30 Jun 1977; 1 Jul 1981–30 Jun 1982; 1 Jul 1983–30 Jun 1984; 1 Jul 1985–30 Jun 1986; 1 Jul 1989–30 Jun 1990; 1 Sep 1991–30 Jun 1993. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 1 Nov 1972–28 Jan 1973.

Emblem

The buffalo, Red lined with Blue. Approved on 4 Mar 1924 (K 2677).



308th Fighter Squadron

Constituted 308th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) on 21 Jan 1942. Activated on 30 Jan 1942. Redesignated: 308th Fighter Squadron on 25 May 1942; 308th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 20 Aug 1943. Inactivated on 7 Nov 1945. Activated on 20 Aug 1946. Redesignated: 308th Fighter Squadron, Jet, on 15 Jun 1948; 308th Fighter-Bomber Squadron on 20 Jan 1950; 308th Fighter-Escort Squadron on 16 Jul 1950; 308th Strategic Fighter Squadron on 20 Jan 1953; 308th Fighter-Bomber Squadron on 1 Apr 1957; 308th Tactical Fighter Squadron on 1 Jul 1958; 308th Tactical Fighter Training Squadron on 9 Oct 1980; 308th Tactical Fighter Squadron on 1 Oct 1986; 308th Fighter Squadron on 1 Nov 1991.

Assignments

31st Pursuit (later, 31st Fighter) Group, 30 Jan 1942–7 Nov 1945. 31st Fighter (later, 31st Fighter-Bomber; 31st Fighter-Escort) Group, 20 Aug 1946 (attached to 31st Fighter-Escort Wing, 27 Jul 1951–15 Jun 1952); 31st Fighter-Escort (later, 31st Strategic Fighter; 31st Fighter-Bomber; 31st Tactical Fighter) Wing, 16 Jun 1952 (attached to Alaskan Air Command, 5 Dec 1956–7 Jan 1957; unkn, 15–21 Aug 1958, 22 Aug 1958–19 Jan 1959, 11 Jul–c. Dec 1959, 7 Mar–c. 19 Jul 1961; 18th Tactical Fighter Wing, 13 Mar–30 Apr 1963, unkn, 1 May–3 Jul 1963; 7231 Combat Support Group, 9 Feb–5 May 1964 and 9 Mar–8 Jul 1965); 3d Tactical Fighter Wing, 2 Dec 1965 (attached to 31st Tactical Fighter Wing, 15 Nov–25 Dec 1966); 31st Tactical Fighter Wing, 25 Dec 1966; 4403d Fighter Wing, 5 Oct 1970; 31st Tactical Fighter Wing, 30 Oct 1970 (attached to 432d Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, 28 Apr–29 Jul 1972; 8th Tactical Fighter Wing, 11 Dec 1972–11 Jun 1973); 31st Operations Group, 1 Nov 1991 (attached to 347th Operations Group, c. 11 Sep–19 Nov 1992); 347th Operations Group, 20 Nov 1992; 56th Operations Group, 1 Apr 1994–.

Stations

Baer Field, IN, 30 Jan 1942; New Orleans AB, LA, 6 Feb–19 May 1942; Atcham, England, c. 10 Jun 1942; Kenley, England, 1 Aug 1942; Westhampnett, England, 25 Aug–23 Oct 1942; Tafaraoui, Algeria, 8 Nov 1942 (operated from Casablanca, French Morocco, 10–31 Jan 1943); Thelepte, Tunisia, 6 Feb 1943; Tebessa, Algeria, 17 Feb 1943; Canrobert, Algeria, 21 Feb 1943; Kalaa Djerda, Tunisia, 25 Feb 1943; Thelepte, Tunisia, 11 Mar 1943; Djilma, Tunisia, 7 Apr 1943; Le Sers, Tunisia, 12 Apr 1943; Korba, Tunisia, 20 May 1943; Gozo, c. 30 Jun 1943; Ponte Olivo, Sicily, 14 Jul 1943; Agrigento, Sicily, 19 Jul 1943; Termini, Sicily, c. 2 Aug 1943; Milazzo, Sicily, 2 Sep 1943; Montecorvino, Italy, 20 Sep 1943; Pomigliano, Italy, 14 Oct 1943; Castel Volturno, Italy, 14 Jan 1944; San Severo, Italy, 2 Apr 1944; Mondolfo, Italy, 3 Mar 1945; Triolo, Italy, 14 Jul–5 Aug 1945; Drew Field, FL, Aug–7 Nov 1945. Giebelstadt, Germany, 20 Aug 1946; Kitzingen, Germany, c. 30 Sep 1946–25 Jun 1947; Langley Field, VA, 25 Jun 1947; Turner Field (later, AFB), GA, 4 Sep 1947 (deployed at Manston RAF Stn, England, 26 Dec 1950–25 Jul 1951; Misawa AB, Japan, 20 Jul–16 Oct 1952; Chitose AB, Japan, 7 Nov 1953–9 Feb 1954; Eielson AFB, AK, 5 Dec 1956–7 Jan 1957; Hahn AB, Germany, 15 Aug–21 Aug 1958; Aviano AB, Italy, 22 Aug 1958–19 Jan 1959); George AFB, CA, 15 Mar 1959 (deployed at Moron AB, Spain, 11 Jul–c. Dec 1959; Aviano AB, Italy, 7 Mar–c. 19 Jul 1961); Homestead, AFB, FL, 1 Oct 1962–c. 5 Dec 1965 (deployed at Kadena AB, Okinawa, 13 Mar–30 Apr 1963; Itazuke AB, Japan, 1 May–3 Jul 1963; Cigli AB, Turkey, 9 Feb–5 May 1964

and 9 Mar–8 Jul 1965); Bien Hoa AB, South Vietnam, c. 7 Dec 1965; Tuy Hoa AB, South Vietnam, 15 Nov 1966–30 Sep 1970; England AFB, LA, 5 Oct 1970; Homestead AFB, FL, 30 Oct 1970 (deployed at Udorn RTAFB, Thailand, 28 Apr–29 Jul 1972; Ubon RTAFB, Thailand, 11 Dec 1972–11 Jun 1973; operated from Moody AFB, GA, c. 11–30 Sep 1992); Moody AFB, GA, 1 Oct 1992; Luke AFB, AZ, 1 Apr 1994–.

Aircraft

P–40, 1942; P–39, 1942; Spitfire, 1942–1943; P–51, 1943–1945. P–80, 1946–1947; P–51, 1947–1949; F–84, 1948–1957; F–100, 1957–1970; F–4, 1970–1986; F–16, 1986–.

Operations

Combat in ETO and MTO, 17 Aug 1942–3 May 1945. Combat in Southeast Asia, 8 Dec 1965–9 Sep 1970; 5 May–29 Jul 1972; and 16 Dec 1972–1 Jun 1973. Replacement training unit, 1974–1986. Air defense of southern Florida, 1 Apr 1976–30 Sep 1983.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Algeria-French Morocco with Arrowhead; Tunisia; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Anzio; Rome-Arno; Normandy; Northern France; Southern France; North Apennines; Rhineland; Central Europe; Po Valley; Air Combat, EAME Theater. Vietnam: Vietnam Defensive; Vietnam Air; Vietnam Air Offensive; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air/Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; Tet 69/Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer-Fall, 1969; Vietnam Winter-Spring, 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon; Vietnam Ceasefire.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Rumania, 21 Apr 1944; Poland, 25 Jul 1944. Presidential Unit Citations (Southeast Asia): 8 Jun 1966–16 Apr 1967; 1 May–31 Dec 1968. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat “V” Device: 17 Dec 1966–30 Apr 1968; 18 Dec 1972–27 Jan 1973. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 4–16 Jul 1952; 1 Mar–30 Nov 1962; 23 Feb 1991–22 Feb 1993. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 16 Dec 1966–15 Oct 1970.

Emblem

On a disc checky, Green and White, a Silver-Gray arrowhead issuing from chief, and charged with a White armored hand issuing from sinister grasping a sword palewise, blade White, hilt and pommel Green, the blade piercing a White cloud formation in base; outlines and details Black throughout. Approved on 10 Jan 1962 (K 7853) and modified in 1995; replaced emblems approved on 14 May 1957 (9382 A.C.) and 7 Mar 1952 (152519 A.C.). *MOTTO*: EMERALD KNIGHTS. Approved on 12 Mar 1974.



309th Fighter Squadron

Constituted 309th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) on 21 Jan 1942. Activated on 30 Jan 1942. Redesignated: 309th Fighter Squadron on 15 May 1942; 309th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 20 Aug 1943. Inactivated on 7 Nov 1945. Activated on 20 Aug 1946. Redesignated: 309th Fighter Squadron, Jet, on 15 Jun 1948; 309th Fighter-Bomber Squadron on 20 Jan 1950; 309th Fighter-Escort Squadron on 16 Jul 1950; 309th Strategic Fighter Squadron on 20 Jan 1953; 309th Fighter-Bomber Squadron on 1 Apr 1957; 309th Tactical Fighter Squadron on 1 Jul 1958; 309th Tactical Fighter Training Squadron on 1 Jul 1982; 309th Tactical Fighter Squadron on 1 Oct 1986; 309th Fighter Squadron on 1 Nov 1991. Inactivated on 31 Dec 1993. Activated on 1 Apr 1994.

Assignments

31st Pursuit (later, 31st Fighter) Group, 30 Jan 1942–7 Nov 1945. 31st Fighter (later, 31st Fighter-Bomber; 31st Fighter-Escort) Group, 20 Aug 1946 (attached to 31st Fighter-Escort Wing, 27 Jul 1951–15 Jun 1952); 31st Fighter-Escort (later, 31st Strategic Fighter; 31st Fighter-Bomber; 31st Tactical Fighter) Wing, 16 Jun 1952 (attached to Alaskan Air Command, 5 Jan–9 Feb 1957; Unkn, 9 Jul–15 Nov 1960 and 9 Oct–26 Nov 1961; 18th Tactical Fighter Wing, 17 Jul–22 Dec 1962 and 26 Sep–30 Dec 1963; 7231st Combat Support Group, 5 Aug–27 Nov 1964 and 18 Jan–31 Mar 1966; 41st Combat Support Group, 1–24 Apr 1966); 4403d Tactical Fighter Wing, 9 Oct 1970; 31st Tactical Fighter (later, 31st Tactical Training; 31st Tactical Fighter; 31st Fighter) Wing, 30 Oct 1970; 31st Operations Group, 1 Nov 1991 (attached to 363d Operations Group, 28 Aug–19 Nov 1992); 363d Operations Group, 20 Nov 1992–31 Dec 1993. 56th Operations Group, 1 Apr 1994–.

Stations

Baer Field, IN, 30 Jan 1942; New Orleans AB, LA, 6 Feb–19 May 1942; High Ercall, England, c. 12 Jun 1942; Westthampnett, England, 1 Aug–23 Oct 1942; Tafaraoui, Algeria, 8 Nov 1942; La Senia, Algeria, 14 Nov 1942; Thelepte, Tunisia, 6 Feb 1943; Tebessa, Algeria, 17 Feb 1943; Youks-les-Bain, Algeria, 22 Feb 1943; Kalaa Djerda, Tunisia, 26 Feb 1943; Thelepte, Tunisia, 11 Mar 1943; Djilma, Tunisia, 7 Apr 1943; Le Sers, Tunisia, 12 Apr 1943; Korba, Tunisia, 17 May 1943; Gozo, 3 Jul 1943; Ponte Olivo, Sicily, 13 Jul 1943; Agrigento, Sicily, 21 Jul 1943; Termini, Sicily, 5 Aug 1943; Milazzo, Sicily, 5 Sep 1943; Montecorvino, Italy, 21 Sep 1943; Pomigliano, Italy, 14 Oct 1943; Castel Volturno, Italy, c. 19 Jan 1944; San Severo, Italy, 4 Apr 1944; Mondolfo, Italy, 4 Mar 1945; Triolo, Italy, 15 Jul–5 Aug 1945; Drew Field, FL, Aug–7 Nov 1945. Giebelstadt, Germany, 20 Aug 1946; Kitzingen, Germany, c. 30 Sep 1946–25 Jun 1947; Langley Field, VA, 25 Jun 1947; Turner Field (later AFB), GA, 4 Sep 1947 (deployed at Manston RAF Stn, England, 26 Dec 1950–25 Jul 1951; Misawa AB, Japan, 20 Jul–16 Oct 1952 and 7 Nov 1953–9 Feb 1954; Eielson AFB, AK, 5 Jan–9 Feb 1957); George AFB, CA, 15 Mar 1959 (deployed at Aviano AB, Italy, 9 Jul–15 Nov 1960; Spangdahlem AB, Germany, 9 Oct–26 Nov 1961); Homestead AFB, FL, 1 Jun 1962–13 Dec 1966; (deployed at Kadena AB, Japan, 7 Jul–22 Dec 1962; Itazuke AB, Japan, 26 Sep–31 Dec 1963; Cigli AB, Turkey, 5 Aug–27 Nov 1964 and 18 Jan–24 Apr 1966); Tuy Hoa AB, South Vietnam, 16 Dec 1966–Oct 1970; England AFB, LA, c. 9 Oct 1970; Homestead AFB, LA, 30 Oct

1970 (operated from Shaw AFB, SC, 23 Aug–30 Sep 1992); Shaw AFB, SC, 1 Oct 1992–31 Dec 1993. Luke AFB, AZ, 1 Apr 1994–.

Aircraft

P–40, 1942; P–39, 1942; Spitfire, 1942–1943; P–51, 1943–1945. P–80, 1946–1947; P–51, 1947–1948; F–84, 1948–1957; F–100, 1957–1970; F–4, 1970–1986; F–16, 1986–1993.

Operations

Combat in ETO and MTO, c. 17 Aug 1942–3 May 1945. Combat in Southeast Asia, 20 Dec 1966–c. 10 Sep 1970.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Algeria-French Morocco with Arrowhead; Tunisia; Sicily with Arrowhead; Naples-Foggia; Anzio; Rome-Arno; Normandy; Northern France; Southern France; North Apennines; Rhineland; Central Europe; Po Valley; Air Combat, EAME Theater. Vietnam: Vietnam Air Offensive; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air/Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; TET 69/Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer-Fall 1969; Vietnam Winter-Spring 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Rumania, 21 Apr 1944; Poland, 25 Jul 1945. Presidential Unit Citation: Vietnam, 1 May–31 Dec 1968. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat “V” Device: 1 Jun–16 Dec 1966; 17 Dec 1966–30 Apr 1968. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 4–16 Jul 1952; 1 Mar–30 Nov 1962. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: [16 Dec] 1966–Oct 1970.

Emblem

Over a disc shaded from Light to Dark Blue, on the upper section of the disc the North Star, and the stars in the Big Dipper all White, issuing from the base of the disc a demi-sphere Light Blue, with land areas Brown, grid lines Black, over all “Donald Duck” in fighting mood, wearing Air Force Blue jacket, Air

Force Blue and White helmet flying off head, and Air Force Yellow lightning bolt in his upraised left hand, piercing through a White cloud; and holding board with nail protruding from it in right hand. COPYRIGHT—Walt Disney. Approved on 3 Nov 1955 (K 11398); replaced emblem approved on 27 Nov 1944 (153143 AC).



310th Airlift Squadron

Constituted 310th Troop Carrier Squadron on 25 May 1943. Activated on 1 Oct 1943. Inactivated on 31 Jul 1945. Redesignated 310th Troop Carrier Squadron, Medium, on 10 May 1949. Activated in the Reserve on 27 Jun 1949. Ordered to active service on 1 May 1951. Inactivated on 1 Feb 1953. Redesignated 310th Troop Carrier Squadron, Assault, Rotary Wing, on 16 Nov 1954. Activated on 8 Feb 1955. Inactivated on 7 Sep 1956. Redesignated 310th Troop Carrier Squadron, Assault, and activated, on 24 May 1963. Organized on 8 Jul 1963. Redesignated: 310th Air Commando Squadron, Troop Carrier, on 8 Mar 1965; 310th Air Commando Squadron, Tactical Airlift, on 1 Aug 1967; 310th Special Operations Squadron on 1 Aug 1968; 310th Tactical Airlift Squadron on 1 Jan 1970. Inactivated on 15 Nov 1972. Redesignated 310th Military Airlift Squadron, and activated, on 1 Dec 1984. Redesignated 310th Airlift Squadron on 1 Jun 1992.

Assignments

443d Troop Carrier Group, 1 Oct 1943; I Troop Carrier Command, 15 Feb 1944; Eighth Air Force, 21 Apr 1944; 315th Troop Carrier Group, 26 Apr 1944–31 Jul 1945. 443d Troop Carrier Group, 27 Jun 1949–1 Feb 1953. Eighteenth Air Force (attached to 464th Troop Carrier Wing), 8 Feb 1955–7 Sep 1956. Pacific Air Forces, 24 May 1963; 315th Troop Carrier (later, 315th Air Commando) Group, 8 Jul 1963; 315th Air Commando (later, 315th Special Operations; 315th Tactical Airlift) Wing, 8 Mar 1966; 377th Combat Support Group (later, 377th Air Base Wing), 15 Jan–15 Nov 1972. 61st Military Airlift Group, 1 Dec 1984; 24th Operations Group, 1 Jun 1992–.

Stations

Sedalia AAFld, MO, 1 Oct 1943; Alliance AAFld, NE, 19 Jan 1944; Camp Mackall, NC, 8 Mar–21 Apr 1944; Spanhoe, England, 21 Apr 1944; Amiens, France, 6 Apr–19 May 1945; Waller Field, Trinidad, 30 May–31 Jul 1945. Hensley Field, TX, 27 Jun 1949; Donaldson AFB, SC, 9 Aug 1951–1 Feb 1953. Pope AFB, NC, 8 Feb 1955–7 Sep 1956. Tan Son Nhut Aflld, South Vietnam, 8 Jul 1963; Nha Trang Aprt (later, AB), South Vietnam, 29 Jun 1965; Phan Rang AB, South Vietnam, 14 Jul 1967; Tan Son Nhut AB, South Vietnam, 27 Jan–15 Nov 1972. Howard AFB, Panama, 1 Dec 1984–.

Aircraft

Principally C–47, 1943–1945. C–46, 1949–1952; C–119, 1952–1953. H–19, 1955–1956. C/UC–123, 1963–1972; C–7, 1972. C–22, 1984–1991; C–130, 1984–; C–27, 1991–; CT–43, 1992–.

Operations

Included airborne assaults on Normandy, Holland, and Germany, as well as aerial transportation in ETO, during World War II. Airdrop and airlift to combat forces in Southeast Asia, 1963–1972; added special vegetation destruction and malaria control flights, Aug 1970–Jun 1972. Airlift in South and Central America, Jan 1985–, including during the invasion of Panama, Dec 1989–Jan 1990.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Central Europe.
Vietnam: Vietnam Advisory; Vietnam Defensive; Vietnam Air; Vietnam Air Offensive; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III;

Vietnam Air/Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; TET 69/ Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer-Fall, 1969; Vietnam Winter-Spring, 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon; Commando Hunt V; Commando Hunt VI; Commando Hunt VII; Vietnam Ceasefire.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Panama, 1989–1990.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: Normandy, 5–6 Jun 1944. Presidential Unit Citations: Vietnam, 21 Jan–12 May 1968; 1 Apr–30 Jun 1970. Presidential Unit Citation (Navy): Khe Sanh, 20 Jan–31 Mar 1968. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat “V” Device: [8 Jul] 1963–30 Apr 1965; 30 Jun–9 Jul 1965; 15 Oct 1966–30 Apr 1967; 10 Jun–31 Dec 1967; 15 Jul 1968–30 Jun 1969; 1 Jan 1971–26 Jan 1972; 27 Jan–15 Nov 1972. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Dec 1984–30 Jun 1986; 1 Jul 1986–30 Jun 1988; 1 Jul 1988–30 Jun 1989; 20 Dec 1989–14 Feb 1991; 11 Feb 1992–31 Jul 1993. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Crosses with Palm: 22 Apr 1966–1 Jan 1970; 1 Jan 1970–15 Nov 1972.

Emblem

Azure, a stylized bird rising Or, fimbriated and garnished Sable below four mullets arcing in Chief three to sinister and one to dexter Argent, all within a diminished bordure of the third. Approved on 7 Jul 1994 (DFSC 95–00225); replaced emblems approved on 11 Jan 1965 (K&KE 16248) and on 23 Oct 1944 (K 3007). *MOTTO*: LIBERTATEM SUSTENTAMUS — Support for Freedom. Approved on 11 Jan 1965.



310th Fighter Squadron

Constituted 310th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) on 21 Jan 1942. Activated on 9 Feb 1942. Redesignated: 310th Fighter Squadron on 15 May 1942; 310th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 20 Aug 1943. Inactivated on 20 Feb 1946. Redesignated 310th Fighter-Bomber Squadron on 25 Jun 1952. Activated on 10 Jul 1952. Redesignated 310th Tactical Missile Squadron on 15 Jul 1958. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 25 Mar 1962. Redesignated 310th Tactical Fighter Training Squadron on 11 Dec 1969. Activated on 15 Dec 1969. Redesignated 310th Fighter Squadron on 1 Nov 1991.

Assignments

58th Pursuit (later, 58th Fighter) Group, 9 Feb 1942; Fifth Air Force, 27 Jan–20 Feb 1946. 58th Fighter-Bomber Group, 10 Jul 1952 (attached to 58th Fighter-Bomber Wing, 1 Mar–7 Nov 1957); 58th Fighter-Bomber Wing, 8 Nov 1957; 314th Air Division, 1 Jul 1958; 58th Tactical Missile Group, 15 Jul 1958–25 Mar 1962. 58th Tactical Fighter Training (later, 58th Tactical Training) Wing, 15 Dec 1969; 58th Operations Group, 1 Oct 1991; 56th Operations Group, 1 Apr 1994–.

Stations

Harding Field, LA, 9 Feb 1942; Dale Mabry Field, FL, 4 Mar 1942; Richmond AAB, VA, 16 Oct 1942; Philadelphia Muni Aprt, PA, 24 Oct 1942; Bradley Field, CT, 5 Mar 1943; Hillsgrove, RI, 28 Apr 1943; Grenier Field, NH, 16 Sep–22 Oct 1943; Brisbane, Australia, c. 23 Nov 1943; Dobodura, New Guinea, 28 Dec 1943; Saidor, New Guinea, c. 2 Apr 1944; Noemfoor, 6 Sep 1944; San Roque, Leyte, 18 Nov 1944; San Jose, Mindoro, 22 Dec 1944; Mangaldan, Luzon, 6 Apr 1945; Porac, Luzon, 18 Apr 1945; Okinawa, 9 Jul 1945; Japan, 26 Oct 1945; Ft William McKinley, Luzon, 28 Dec 1945–20 Feb 1946. Taegu AB, South Korea, 10 Jul 1952; Osan-Ni (later, Osan) AB, South Korea, 19 Mar 1955–25 Mar 1962. Luke AFB, AZ, 15 Dec 1969–.

Aircraft and Missiles

P–39, 1942; P–40, 1942–1943; P–47, 1943–1945. F–84, 1952–1954; F–86, 1954–1958; Matador, 1958–1962. A–7, 1969–1971; F–4, 1971–1982; F–16, 1982–.

Operations

Operational and replacement training unit, Mar 1942–Apr 1943. Combat in Southwest and Western Pacific, 24 Feb 1944–14 Aug 1945. Combat in Korea, 10 Jul 1952–27 Jul 1953; air defense in Korea thereafter until Mar 1962. Combat crew training, 1970–.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Japan; New Guinea; Bismarck Archipelago; Western Pacific; Leyte; Luzon; Southern Philippines; Ryukyus; China Offensive. Korea: Korea Summer-Fall 1952; Third Korean Winter; Korea, Summer 1953.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Philippine Islands, 26 Dec 1944; Korea, 1 May–27 Jul 1953. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: [15]–31 Dec 1969; 1 Jan 1971–31 Dec 1972; 1 Jan 1975–31 Dec 1976; 1 Jan 1978–31 Dec 1979; 1 Aug 1982–31 May 1984; 1 Jun 1986–31 May 1988; 1 Jun 1989–31 May 1991; 1 Jun 1991–31 May 1992; 1 Jun 1992–31 May 1993. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII). Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation: 10 Jul 1952–31 Mar 1953.

Emblem

On a Medium Blue disc two Golden Orange lighting bolts highlighted Yellow saltirewise in bend surmounted by a human skull proper wearing a Black top hat and a Golden Orange bow tie highlighted Yellow, all above a pair of dice proper showing five Black dots topmost and two Black dots topmost respectively; all within a double narrow border Light Blue and Yellow. Originally approved on 9 Oct 1943, reinstated on 6 Nov 1987 (DFSC 88–01521); replaced emblems approved on 18 May 1983 (DFSC 83–08010), 5 Apr 1972 (KE 12412), and 5 May 1961 (K 12412).



311th Fighter Squadron

Constituted 311th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) on 21 Jan 1942. Activated on 9 Feb 1942. Redesignated: 311th Fighter Squadron on 15 May 1942; 311th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 20 Aug 1943. Inactivated on 20 Feb 1946. Redesignated 311th Fighter-Bomber Squadron on 25 Jun 1952. Activated on 10 Jul 1952. Inactivated on 1 Jul 1958. Redesignated 311th Tactical Fighter Training Squadron on 12 Jan 1970. Activated on 18 Jan 1970. Redesignated 311th Fighter Squadron on 1 Nov 1991. Inactivated on 1 Apr 1994. Activated on 1 Jan 1995.

Assignments

58th Pursuit (later, 58th Fighter) Group, 9 Feb 1942–27 Jan 1946; Fifth Air Force, 27 Jan–20 Feb 1946. 58th Fighter-Bomber Group, 10 Jul 1952 (attached to 58th Fighter-Bomber Wing, 1 Mar–7 Nov 1957); 58th Fighter-Bomber Wing, 8 Nov 1957–1 Jul 1958. 58th Tactical Fighter Training (later, 58th Tactical Training) Wing, 18 Jan 1970; 58th Operations Group, 1 Oct 1991–1 Apr 1994. 56th Operations Group, 1 Jan 1995–.

Stations

Harding Field, LA, 9 Feb 1942; Dale Mabry Field, FL, 4 Mar 1942; Richmond AAB, VA, 16 Oct 1942; Bolling Field, DC, 23 Oct 1942; Bradley Field, CT, 1 Mar 1943; Hillsgrove, RI, 1 May 1943; Grenier Field, NH, 15 Sep–22 Oct 1943; Brisbane, Australia, 21 Nov 1943; Dobodura, New Guinea, 28 Dec 1943; Saidor, New Guinea, 5 Apr 1944; Noemfoor, 6 Sep 1944; San Roque, Leyte, 18 Nov 1944; San Jose, Mindoro, 21 Dec 1944; Mangaldan, Luzon, 7 Apr 1945; Porac, Luzon, 17 Apr 1945; Okinawa, 8 Jul 1945; Japan, 26 Oct 1945; Ft William McKinley, Luzon, 28 Dec 1945–20 Feb 1946. Taegu AB, South Korea, 10 Jul 1952; Osan-ni (later Osan) AB, South Korea, 7 Apr 1955–1 Jul 1958. Luke AFB, AZ, 18 Jan 1970–1 Apr 1994. Luke AFB, AZ, 1 Jan 1995–.

Aircraft

P–39, 1942; P–40, 1942–1943; P–47, 1943–1945. F–84, 1952–1954; F–86, 1954–1958. F–4, 1970–1983; F–16, 1983–1994.

Operations

Operational and replacement training unit, Mar 1942–Apr 1943. Combat in Southwest and Western Pacific, 2 Feb 1944–14 Aug 1945. Not fully manned or equipped, 23 Sep 1945–20 Feb 1946. Combat in Korea, 10 Jul 1952–27 Jul 1953. Trained US and foreign aircrews, Jan 1970–1 Nov 1991.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Japan; New Guinea; Bismarck Archipelago; Western Pacific; Leyte; Luzon; Southern Philippines; Ryukyus; China Offensive. Korea: Korea Summer-Fall, 1952; Third Korean Winter; Korea, Summer 1953.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Philippine Islands, 26 Dec 1944; Korea, 1 May–27 Jul 1953. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jan 1971–31 Dec 1972; 1 Jan 1978–31 Dec 1979; 1 Aug 1982–31 May 1984; 1 Jun 1986–31 May 1988; 1 Jun 1990–31 May 1992. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII). Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation: 10 Jul 1952–31 Mar 1953.

Emblem

Per fess Celeste and Azure, a serpent coiled head Vert langued Gules armed Argent, its body a machine gun cartridge belt Or; all within a diminished bordure of the third. Approved on 9 Oct 1943.



313th Flight Test Squadron

Designated 2873d Test Squadron, and activated, on 15 Jan 1988. Redesignated: 313th Test Squadron on 1 Oct 1992; 313th Flight Test Squadron on 1 Apr 1994.

Assignments

San Antonio Air Logistics Center, 15 Jan 1988–.

Stations

Kelly AFB, TX, 15 Jan 1988–.

Aircraft

None.

Operations

Engineered and tested modifications to weapon systems, 1988–.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 15 Jan 1988–14 Jan 1990; 15 Jan 1990–31 Dec 1991.

Emblem

On a Light Blue disc, an Argent volant falcon is positioned at fess point. A Gules, Argent and Ultramarine Azure strip extends from the falcon's head through its body to the sinister point on the disc. An Argent estoile is placed above the falcon's head at slightly above dexter. The disc is bordered with Or. Approved on 9 Apr 1989 (DFSC 90–02523). *MOTTO*: PROVE IT FIT FOR FLIGHT. Approved in 1994.



319th Missile Squadron

Constituted 319th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 28 Jan 1942. Activated on 15 Apr 1942. Redesignated 319th Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, on 6 March 1944. Inactivated on 27 Jan 1946. Redesignated 319th Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, on 11 Jun 1947. Activated on 1 Jul 1947. Inactivated on 6 Sep 1948. Redesignated 319th Bombardment Squadron, Medium, on 20 Dec 1950. Activated on 2 Jan 1951. Redesignated 319th Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, Medium, on 16 Jun 1952. Discontinued on 20 Jun 1960. Redesignated 319th Strategic Missile Squadron (ICBM-Minuteman) on 24 May 1963. Organized on 1 Oct 1963. Redesignated 319th Missile Squadron on 1 Sep 1991.

Assignments

90th Bombardment Group, 15 Apr 1942–27 Jan 1946. 90th Bombardment Group, 1 Jul 1947–6 Sep 1948. 90th Bombardment Group, 2 Jan 1951 (attached to 90th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, 16 Feb 1951–15 Jun 1952); 90th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, 16 Jun 1952–20 Jun 1960. Strategic Air Command, 24 May 1963; 90th Strategic Missile Wing, 1 Oct 1963; 90th Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991–.

Stations

Key Field, MS, 15 Apr 1942; Barksdale Field, LA, 17 May 1942; Greenville AAB, SC, 21 Jun 1942; Ypsilanti, MI, 9–23 Aug 1942; Kahuku Field, TH, 12 Sep 1942; Iron Range, Australia, c. 4 Nov 1942; Darwin, Australia, 2 Feb 1943; Port Moresby, New Guinea, 8 Jul 1943; Dobodura, New Guinea, Dec 1943; Nadzab, New Guinea, c. 22 Feb 1944; Biak, c. 10 Aug 1944; San Jose, Mindoro, 29 Jan 1945; Ie Shima, 12 Aug 1945; Ft William McKinley, Luzon, 23 Nov 1945–27 Jan 1946. Andrews Field (later, AFB), MD, 1 Jul 1947–6 Sep 1948. Fairchild AFB, WA, 2 Jan 1951; Forbes AFB, KS, 14 Mar 1951–20 Jun 1960. Francis E. Warren AFB, WY, 1 Oct 1963–.

Aircraft and Missiles

B–24, 1942–1945. B/RB–29, 1951–1954; RB–47, 1954–1960. Minuteman I, 1964–1974; Minuteman III, 1973–.

Operations

Combat in Southwest And Western Pacific, 13 Nov 1942–24 Jul 1945. Apparently not manned, 1 Jul 1947–6 Sep 1948. Operational training, 1 Jun 1951–Sep 1952; replacement training, 1 Jun 1951–1 Sep 1953; SHORAN training, 10 Nov 1952–30 Nov 1953; RB–47 crew training, c. 1 Jan 1959–20 Jun 1960. Strategic missile operations, 1964–.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Japan; China Defensive; Papua; Guadalcanal; New Guinea; Northern Solomons; Bismarck Archipelago; Western Pacific; Leyte; Luzon; Southern Philippines; China Offensive.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Papua, [13 Nov] 1942–23 Jan 1943; New Guinea, 13 and 15 Sep 1943. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1968–30 Jun 1969; 1 Jul 1973–30 Jun 1975; 1 Jul 1982–30 Jun 1984; 1 Jul 1987–30 Jun 1989; 1 Aug 1991–31 Jul 1993. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII).

Emblem

An Air Force Blue sphere encircled with a White edge and a Red border, a wide sky Blue ribbon, spattered with White stars, encircling the upper left to the lower right of the disc; overall in center the head of an American eagle proper. Approved on 2 Sep 1955 (K 15801); replaced emblem approved 11 Jun 1943 (8886 A.C.).



320th Missile Squadron

Constituted 320th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 28 Jan 1942. Activated on 15 Apr 1942. Redesignated 320th Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, on 6 March 1944. Inactivated on 27 Jan 1946. Redesignated 320th Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, on 11 Jun 1947. Activated on 1 Jul 1947. Inactivated on 6 Sep 1948. Redesignated 320th Bombardment Squadron, Medium, on 20 Dec 1950. Activated on 2 Jan 1951. Redesignated 320th Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, Medium, on 16 Jun 1952. Discontinued on 20 Jun 1960. Redesignated 320th Strategic Missile Squadron (ICBM-Minuteman) on 30 Jul 1963. Organized on 8 Jan 1964. Redesignated 320th Missile Squadron on 1 Sep 1991.

Assignments

90th Bombardment Group, 15 Apr 1942–27 Jan 1946. 90th Bombardment Group, 1 Jul 1947–6 Sep 1948. 90th Bombardment Group, 2 Jan 1951 (attached to 90th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, 16 Feb 1951–15 Jun 1952); 90th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, 16 Jun 1952–20 Jun 1960. Strategic Air Command, 30 Jul 1963; 90th Strategic Missile Wing, 8 Jan 1964; 90th Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991–.

Stations

Key Field, MS, 15 Apr 1942; Barksdale Field, LA, 17 May 1942; Greenville AAB, SC, 21 Jun 1942; Ypsilanti, MI, 9–23 Aug 1942; Kipapa, TH, 12 Sep 1942; Iron Range, Australia, c. 4 Nov 1942; Port Moresby, New Guinea, 10 Feb 1943; Dobodura, New Guinea, Dec 1943; Nadzab, New Guinea, c. 23 Feb 1944; Biak, c. 10 Aug 1944; San Jose, Mindoro, 27 Jan 1945; Ie Shima, 10 Aug 1945; Ft William McKinley, Luzon, 23 Nov 1945–27 Jan 1946. Andrews Field (later AFB), MD, 1 Jul 1947–6 Sep 1948. Fairchild AFB, WA, 2 Jan 1951; Forbes AFB, KS, 14 Mar 1951–20 Jun 1960. Francis E. Warren AFB, WY, 8 Jan 1964–.

Aircraft and Missiles

B–24, 1942–1945. B/RB–29, 1951–1954; RB–47, 1954–1960. Minuteman I, 1964–1974; Minuteman III, 1974–.

Operations

Combat in Southwest and Western Pacific, 16 Nov 1942–24 Jul 1945. Apparently not manned, 1 Jul 1947–6 Sep 1948. Operational training, 1 Jun 1951–Sep 1952; replacement training, 1 Jun 1951–1 Sep 1953; SHORAN training, 10 Nov 1952–30 Nov 1953; RB–47 crew training, c. 1 Jan 1959–20 Jun 1960. Strategic missile operations, 1964–.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Japan; China Defensive; Papua; Guadalcanal; New Guinea; Northern Solomons; Bismarck Archipelago; Western Pacific; Leyte; Luzon; Southern Philippines; China Offensive.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Papua, [16 Nov] 1942–23 Jan 1943; New Guinea, 13 and 15 Sep 1943. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1968–30 Jun 1969; 1 Jul 1973–30 Jun 1975; 1 Jul 1982–30 Jun 1984; 1 Jul 1987–30 Jun 1989; 1 Aug 1991–31 Jul 1993. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII).

Emblem

On a Blue disc within a narrow Gold border a Brown American Indian wearing a war bonnet of eight White and Black feathers, Red boots, sash and wrist band, grasping a Black lance sinister bendwise that surmounts a Gold silhouetted missile, riding a bucking White horse (mane, tail and hoofs Black) all detailed Black and above a White cloud issuant in base and between eleven White stars four in dexter (two in chief larger) and seven in sinister. Approved on 17 May 1965 (KE 17022); replaced emblem approved on 22 Mar 1954 (49381 A.C.).



321st Missile Squadron

Constituted 321st Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 28 Jan 1942. Activated on 15 Apr 1942. Redesignated 321st Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, on 6 Mar 1944. Inactivated on 27 Jan 1946. Redesignated 321st Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, on 11 Jun 1947. Activated on 1 Jul 1947. Inactivated on 6 Sep 1948. Redesignated 321st Bombardment Squadron, Medium, on 20 Dec 1950. Activated on 2 Jan 1951. Redesignated 321st Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, Medium, on 16 Jun 1952. Discontinued on 20 Jun 1960. Redesignated 321st Strategic Missile Squadron (ICBM-Minuteman) on 16 Sep 1963. Organized on 9 Apr 1964. Redesignated 321st Missile Squadron on 1 Sep 1991.

Assignments

90th Bombardment Group, 15 Apr 1942–27 Jan 1946. 90th Bombardment Group, 1 Jul 1947–6 Sep 1948. 90th Bombardment Group, 2 Jan 1951 (attached to 90th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, 16 Feb 1951–15 Jun 1952); 90th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, 16 Jun 1952–20 Jun 1960. Strategic Air Command, 16 Sep 1963; 90th Strategic Missile Wing, 9 Apr 1964; 90th Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991–.

Stations

Key Field, MS, 15 Apr 1942; Barksdale Field, LA, 17 May 1942; Greenville AAB, SC, 21 Jun 1942; Ypsilanti, MI, 9–23 Aug 1942; Wheeler Field, TH, 12 Sep 1942; Iron Range, Australia, c. 4 Nov 1942; Port Moresby, New Guinea, 10 Feb 1943; Dobodura, New Guinea, Dec 1943; Nadzab, New Guinea, c. 23 Feb 1944; Biak, 12 Aug 1944; San Jose, Mindoro, 26 Jan 1945; Ie Shima, 15 Aug 1945; Ft William McKinley, Luzon, 23 Nov 1945–27 Jan 1946. Andrews Field (later, AFB), MD, 1 Jul 1947–6 Sep 1948. Fairchild AFB, WA, 2 Jan 1951; Forbes AFB, KS, 14 Mar 1951–20 Jun 1960. Francis E. Warren AFB, WY, 9 Apr 1964–.

Aircraft and Missiles

B–24, 1942–1945. B/RB–29, 1951–1954; RB–47, 1954–1960. Minuteman I, 1964–1974; Minuteman III, 1974–.

Operations

Combat in Southwest and Western Pacific, 22 Nov 1942–24 Jul 1945. Apparently not manned, 1 Jul 1947–6 Sep 1948. Operational training, 1 Jun 1951–Sep 1952; replacement training, 1 Jun 1951–1 Sep 1953; SHORAN training, 10 Nov 1952–30 Nov 1953; RB–47 crew training, c. 1 Jan 1959–20 Jun 1960. Strategic missile operations, 1964–.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Japan; China Defensive; Papua; Guadalcanal; New Guinea; Northern Solomons; Bismarck Archipelago; Western Pacific; Leyte; Luzon; Southern Philippines; China Offensive.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Papua, [22 Nov] 1942–23 Jan 1943; New Guinea, 13 and 15 Sep 1943. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1968–30 Jun 1969; 1 Jul 1973–30 Jun 1975; 1 Jul 1977–30 Jun 1979; 1 Jul 1982–30 Jun 1984; 1 Jul 1987–30 Jun 1989; 1 Aug 1991–31 Jul 1993. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII).

Emblem

On a Gold disc issuing from chief a Blue inverted chevron framed by two lightning bolts divided White and Red and bearing six Gold stars three-two-one, all flanked by two Blue stars. In base a Light Blue sphere parted per pale of four White bars wavy and White grid lines and rimmed Blue. Arched from base of sphere on each side a White vapor trail each terminating behind a Blue missile ascending within a palm branch arched in dexter and an olive branch arched in sinister, both Green. Approved on 4 Nov 1965 (KE 18193); replaced emblems approved on 10 Jun 1954 (49653 A.C.) and 27 Mar 1943 (8886 A.C.).



333d Fighter Squadron

Constituted 333d Fighter-Day Squadron on 13 Nov 1957. Activated on 8 Dec 1957. Redesignated: 333d Tactical Fighter Squadron on 1 Jul 1958; 333d Tactical Fighter Training Squadron on 22 Mar 1971. Inactivated on 15 Feb 1991. Redesignated 333d Fighter Squadron, and activated, on 1 Nov 1991.

Assignments

4th Fighter-Day (later, 4th Tactical Fighter) Wing, 8 Dec 1957 (attached to 4485th Composite Wing, 10 Mar 1964–c. 15 Mar 1965); 355th Tactical Fighter Wing, 8 Dec 1965; 23d Tactical Fighter Wing, 15 Oct 1970; 58th Tactical Fighter Training Wing, 22 Mar 1971; 355th Tactical Fighter (later, 355th Tactical Training) Wing, 31 Jul 1971–15 Feb 1991. 602d Air Control Wing, 1 Nov 1991; 355th Operations Group, 1 May 1992; 4th Operations Group, 1 Oct 1994–.

Stations

Seymour Johnson AFB, NC, 8 Dec 1957–4 Dec 1965 (deployed at Eglin AFB, FL, 10 Mar 1964–c. 15 Mar 1965); Takhli RTAFB, Thailand, 8 Dec 1965–15 Oct 1970; McConnell AFB, KS, 15 Oct 1970; Luke AFB, AZ, 22 Mar 1971; Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ, c. 31 Jul 1971–15 Feb 1991. Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ, 1 Nov 1991; Seymour Johnson AFB, NC, 1 Oct 1994–.

Aircraft

F–100, 1957–1960; F–105, 1960–1970; A–7, 1971–1976; A–10, 1976–1991. A–10, 1991–.

Operations

Combat in Southeast Asia, 12 Dec 1965–c. 6 Oct 1970. Not operational, 15 Oct 1970–31 Jul 1971. Pilot training, Aug 1971–Feb 1991 and May–Sep 1992.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

Vietnam: Vietnam Defensive; Vietnam Air; Vietnam Air Offensive; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air/Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; Tet 69/Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer/Fall 1969; Vietnam Winter/Spring 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Presidential Unit Citations (Southeast Asia): 1 Jan–10 Oct 1966; 11–12 Aug 1967 and 24–28 Oct 1967; 12 Apr 1968–30 Apr 1969. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat “V” Device: 12 Oct 1966–11 Apr 1967; 12 Apr 1967–

11 Apr 1968; 1 Jul 1969–15 Oct 1970. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: [31] Jul 1971–1 Jun 1973; 1 Oct 1976–31 May 1978; 1 May 1990–30 Apr 1992. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 1 Apr 1966–15 Oct 1970.

Emblem

On a disc, Red, an Air Force Blue globe, grid lines White; over all in saltire two (2) White lances grasped in base by two (2) Silver Gray mailed fists, outlines and details Black. Approved on 13 Jun 1958 (K 10420). *MOTTO*: LANCERS. Approved in 1994.



334th Fighter Squadron

Constituted 334th Fighter Squadron on 22 Aug 1942. Activated on 12 Sep 1942. Redesignated 334th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 20 Aug 1943. Inactivated on 10 Nov 1945. Activated on 9 Sep 1946. Redesignated: 334th Fighter Squadron, Jet Propelled, on 23 Apr 1947; 334th Fighter Squadron, Jet, on 14 Jun 1948; 334th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron on 20 Jan 1950; 334th Fighter-Bomber Squadron on 8 Mar 1955; 334th Fighter-Day Squadron on 25 Apr 1956; 334th Tactical Fighter Squadron on 1 Jul 1958; 334th Fighter Squadron on 1 Nov 1991.

Assignments

4th Fighter Group, 12 Sep 1942–10 Nov 1945. 4th Fighter (later, 4th Fighter-Interceptor; 4th Fighter-Bomber; 4th Fighter-Day) Group, 9 Sep 1946; 4th Fighter-Day (later, 4th Tactical Fighter; 4th) Wing, 8 Dec 1957 (attached to 65th Air Division, 1 Apr–13 Aug 1963; Seventeenth Air Force, 15 Feb–29 May 1965; 355th Tactical Fighter Wing, 2 Sep 1965–5 Feb 1966; 354th Tactical Fighter Wing, 16 Dec 1969–c. 31 May 1970; 8th Tactical Fighter Wing, 11 Apr–5 Aug 1972 and 30 Sep 1972–18 Mar 1973; 86th Tactical Fighter Wing, 28 Aug–29 Sep 1980, 26 Aug–29 Sep 1981, and 22 May–20 Jun 1984); 4th Operations Group, 22 Apr 1991–.

Stations

Bushey Hall, England, 12 Sep 1942; Debden, England, 29 Sep 1942; Steeple Morden, England, c. 23 Jul–4 Nov 1945; Camp Kilmer, NJ, 9–10 Nov 1945. Selfridge Field, MI, 9 Sep 1946; Andrews Field (later, AFB), MD, 26 Mar 1947; Langley AFB, VA, 4 May 1949; New Castle County Aprt, DE, 13 Aug–11 Nov 1950; Johnson AB, Japan, 13 Dec 1950; Taegu AB, South Korea, 23 Feb 1951; Suwon AB, South Korea, 15 Mar 1951; Johnson AB, Japan, 1 May 1951; Kimpo AB, South Korea, 24 Aug 1951; Chitose AB, Japan, 20 Sep 1954; Misawa AB, Japan, 1 Jul–8 Dec 1957; Seymour Johnson AFB, NC, 8 Dec 1957– (deployed at McCoy AFB, FL, 21 Oct–29 Nov 1962; Moron AB, Spain, 1 Apr–13 Aug 1963; Incirlik AB, Turkey, 15 Feb–29 May 1965; Takhli RTAFB, Thailand, 2 Sep 1965–5 Feb 1966; Kunsan AB, South Korea, 16 Dec 1969–c. 31 May 1970; Ubon RTAFB, Thailand, 11 Apr–5 Aug 1972 and 30 Sep 1972–18 Mar 1973; Ramstein AB, Germany, 28 Aug–29 Sep 1980, 26 Aug–29 Sep 1981, and 22 May–20 Jun 1984).

Aircraft

Spitfire, 1942–1943; P–47, 1943–1944; P–51, 1944–1945. P–47, 1947; P–80, 1947–1949; F–51, 1948–1949; F–86, 1949–1958; F–100, 1958–1959; F–105, 1959–1966; F–4, 1967–1991; F–15, 1991–.

Operations

Combat in ETO, 2 Oct 1942–21 Apr 1945. Combat in Korea, 15 Dec 1950–27 Jul 1953. Combat in Southeast Asia on a rotational basis, Sep 1965–Feb 1966; Apr–Aug 1972; Sep 1972–Mar 1973.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater. Korea: CCF Intervention; First UN Counteroffensive; CCF Spring Offensive; UN Summer-Fall Offensive; Second Korean Winter; Korea Summer-Fall, 1952; Third Korean Winter; Korea, Summer 1953. Vietnam: Vietnam Defensive; Vietnam Air; Vietnam Ceasefire.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: France, 5 Mar–24 Apr 1944; Korea, 22 Apr–8 Jul 1951; Korea, 9 Jul–27 Nov 1951. Presidential Unit Citation: Vietnam, 1 Jan–10 Oct 1966. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat “V” Device: 2 Sep 1965–28 Jan 1966; 11 Apr–8 Jul 1972 and 25 Sep–20 Oct 1972; 18 Dec 1972–27 Jan 1973. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1967–30 Jun 1968; 16 Sep 1973–15 Apr 1974; 22 Nov 1974–31 Dec 1975; 1 Jun 1982–31 May 1984; 1 Jul 1989–22 Apr 1991; 23 Apr 1991–31 Mar 1993. Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citations: 1 Nov 1951–30 Sep 1952; 1 Oct 1952–31 Mar 1953. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 8 Apr 1972–28 Jan 1973.

Emblem

On a disc Or, a fighting cock, his body, head, and wings Gules, wearing a pair of boxing gloves Argent, also beak and thighs of White, feet Gray, talons and comb Sable. Approved on 27 Sep 1950 (K 10268). COPYRIGHT—Walt Disney. *MOTTO*: FIGHTING EAGLES. Approved in 1994.



335th Fighter Squadron

Constituted 335th Fighter Squadron on 22 Aug 1942. Activated on 12 Sep 1942. Redesignated 335th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 20 Aug 1943. Inactivated on 10 Nov 1945. Activated on 9 Sep 1946. Redesignated: 335th Fighter Squadron, Jet Propelled, on 23 Apr 1947; 335th Fighter Squadron, Jet, on 14 Jun 1948; 335th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron on 20 Jan 1950; 335th Fighter-Bomber Squadron on 8 Mar 1955; 335th Fighter-Day Squadron on 25 Apr 1956; 335th Tactical Fighter Squadron on 1 Jul 1958; 335th Fighter Squadron on 1 Nov 1991.

Assignments

4th Fighter Group, 12 Sep 1942–10 Nov 1945. 4th Fighter (later, 4th Fighter-Interceptor; 4th Fighter-Bomber, 4th Fighter-Day) Group, 9 Sep 1946; 4th Fighter-Day (later, 4th Tactical Fighter) Wing, 8 Dec 1957 (attached to HQ Tactical Air Command, 1 May 1960–22 Nov 1961; Seventeenth Air Force, c. 16 Nov 1964–21 Feb 1965; 6441st Tactical Fighter Wing, 3 Jul–c. 6 Nov 1965; 355th Tactical Fighter Wing, c. 6 Nov–6 Dec 1965; 354th Tactical Fighter Wing, 4 Dec 1969–c. 25 May 1970; 8th Tactical Fighter Wing, 6 Jul–22 Dec 1972; 86th Tactical Fighter Wing, 2 Sep–2 Oct 1978 and 28 Aug–29 Sep 1979; Tactical Fighter Wing Provisional, 4, 27 Dec 1990–12 Mar 1991; Tactical Fighter Wing Provisional, 4404, 13 Mar 1991–); 4th Operations Group, 22 Apr 1991– (remained attached to Tactical Fighter Wing Provisional, 4404 until 27 Jun 1991).

Stations

Bushey Hall, England, 12 Sep 1942; Debden, England, 29 Sep 1942; Steeple Morden, England, c. 23 Jul–4 Nov 1945; Camp Kilmer, NJ, 9–10 Nov 1945. Selfridge Field, MI, 9 Sep 1946; Andrews Field (later, AFB), MD, 26 Mar 1947; Langley AFB, VA, 1 May 1949; Andrews AFB, MD, 13 Aug–11 Nov 1950; Johnson AB, Japan, 13 Dec 1950; Suwon AB, South Korea, 1 May 1951; Kimpo AB, South Korea, 24 Aug 1951; Johnson AB, Japan, 20 Sep 1951; Kimpo AB, South Korea, 4 Nov 1951; Chitose AB, Japan, c. 26 Nov 1954–8 Dec 1957; Seymour Johnson AFB, NC, 8 Dec 1957– (operated from Eglin AFB, FL, 1 May 1960–22 Nov 1961; McCoy AFB, FL, 21 Oct–29 Nov 1962; Incirlik AB, Turkey, 16 Nov 1964–21 Feb 1965; Yokota AB, Japan, 3 Jul–c. 6 Nov 1965; Takhli RTAFB, Thailand, c. 6 Nov–c. 8 Dec 1965; Kunsan AB, South Korea, 4 Dec 1969–c. 25 May 1970; Ubon RTAFB, Thailand, 6 Jul–22 Dec 1972; Ramstein AB, Germany, 2 Sep–2 Oct 1978 and 28 Aug–29 Sep 1979; Al Karj AB, Saudi Arabia, 27 Dec 1990–24 Jun 1991).

Aircraft

Spitfire, 1942–1943; P–47, 1943–1944; P–51, 1944–1945. P–47, 1947; P–80, 1947–1949; F–51, 1948–1949; F–86, 1949–1958; F–100, 1958–1960; F–105, 1959–1966; F–4, 1969–1989; F–15, 1990–.

Operations

Combat in ETO, Oct 1942–Apr 1945. Combat in Korea, Dec 1950–Jul 1953. Combat in Southeast Asia, Nov–Dec 1965 and Jul–Dec 1972. Combat in Southwest Asia, Jan–Feb 1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater. Korea: CCF Intervention; First UN Counteroffensive; CCF Spring Offensive; UN Summer-Fall Offensive; Second Korean Winter; Korea Summer-Fall, 1952; Third Korean Winter; Korea, Summer 1953. Vietnam: Vietnam Defensive; Vietnam Ceasefire. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: France, 5 Mar–24 Apr 1944; Korea, 22 Apr–8 Jul 1951. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat “V” Device: 8 Jul–20 Oct 1972. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1967–30 Jun 1968; 16 Sep 1973–15 Apr 1974; 22 Nov 1974–31 Dec 1975; 2 Feb 1976–18 Apr 1977; 1 Jun 1982–31 May 1984; 1 Jul 1989–22 Apr 1991; 23 Apr 1991–31 Mar 1993. Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citations: 1 Nov 1951–30 Sep 1952; 1 Oct 1952–31 Mar 1953. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 3 Aug–31 Dec 1972.

Emblem

On a Blue disc, the head of an American Indian chief in profile, wearing a feathered headdress White, the headband and tips of the long feathers Red, the short feathers just above the headband and circular ornament over the ear Air Force Blue, details White; the Indian’s eye, hair, outlines, and details throughout, Black. Approved on 7 Nov 1958 (K 10789). *MOTTO*: CHIEFS. Approved in 1994.



336th Fighter Squadron

Constituted 336th Fighter Squadron on 22 Aug 1942. Activated on 12 Sep 1942. Redesignated 336th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 20 Aug 1943. Inactivated on 10 Nov 1945. Activated on 9 Sep 1946. Redesignated: 336th Fighter Squadron, Jet Propelled, on 23 Apr 1947; 336th Fighter Squadron, Jet, on 14 Jun 1948; 336th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron on 20 Jan 1950; 336th Fighter-Bomber Squadron on 8 Mar 1955; 336th Fighter-Day Squadron on 25 Apr 1956; 336th Tactical Fighter Squadron on 1 Jul 1958; 336th Fighter Squadron on 1 Nov 1991.

Assignments

4th Fighter Group, 12 Sep 1942–10 Nov 1945. 4th Fighter (later, 4th Fighter-Interceptor; 4th Fighter-Bomber; 4th Fighter-Day) Group, 9 Sep 1946 (attached to 49th Fighter-Bomber Wing, 19 Nov 1954; 18th Fighter-Bomber Wing, 7 Aug 1956; 313th Air Division, 1 Feb–8 Dec 1957); 4th Fighter-Day (later, 4th Tactical Fighter; 4th) Wing, 8 Dec 1957 (attached to 65th Air Division, 12 Aug 1963–7 Jan 1964; Seventeenth Air Force, 25 May–30 Aug 1965; 8th Tactical Fighter Wing, 12 Apr–30 Sep 1972 and 9 Mar–7 Sep 1973; 314th Air Division, 22 Mar–17 Apr 1977; 86th Tactical Fighter Wing, 11 Sep–13 Oct 1978, 31 Aug–1 Oct 1979, 26 Aug–26 Sep 1980, 5 Sep–3 Oct 1983, and 26 Aug–26 Sep 1985; 4th Tactical Fighter Wing [Deployed], 9 Aug–20 Dec 1990; Tactical Fighter Wing Provisional, 4, 20 Dec 1990–c. 13 Mar 1991); 4th Operations Group, 22 Apr 1991–.

Stations

Bushey Hall, England, 12 Sep 1942; Debden, England, 29 Sep 1942; Steeple Morden, England, c. 23 Jul–4 Nov 1945; Camp Kilmer, NJ, 9–10 Nov 1945. Selfridge Field, MI, 9 Sep 1946; Andrews Field (later, AFB), MD, 26 Mar 1947; Langley AFB, VA, 2 May 1949; Dover AFB, DE, 13 Aug–11 Nov 1950; Johnson AB, Japan, 13 Dec 1950; Taegu AB, South Korea, 15 Mar 1951; Suwon AB, South Korea, c. 6 Apr 1951; Johnson AB, Japan, 27 Jun 1951; Kimpo AB, South Korea, 20 Sep 1951; Misawa AB, Japan, 19 Nov 1954; Kadena AB, Okinawa, 7 Aug 1956; Seymour Johnson AFB, NC, 8 Dec 1957–(deployed to McCoy AFB, FL, 21 Oct–29 Nov 1962; Moron AB, Spain, 12 Aug 1963–7 Jan 1964; Incirlik AB, Turkey, 25 May–30 Aug 1965; Ubon RTAFB, Thailand, 12 Apr–30 Sep 1972 and 9 Mar–7 Sep 1973; Suwon AB, South Korea, 25 Mar–17 Apr 1977; Ramstein AB, Germany, 11 Sep–13 Oct 1978, 31 Aug–1 Oct 1979, 26 Aug–26 Sep 1980, 5 Sep–3 Oct 1983, and 26 Aug–26 Sep 1985; Seeb Intl Aprt, Oman, 9 Aug–18 Dec 1990; Al Karj AB, Saudi Arabia, 18 Dec 1990–c. 13 Mar 1991).

Aircraft

Spitfire, 1942–1943; P–47, 1943–1944; P–51, 1944–1945. P–47, 1947; P–80, 1947–1949; F–51, 1948–1949; F–86, 1949–1958; F–100, 1958–1959; F–105, 1959–1966, F–4, 1967–1988; F–15, 1988–.

Operations

Combat in ETO, Oct 1942–Apr 1945. Combat in Korea, Dec 1950–Jul 1953. Combat in Southeast Asia, Apr–Sep 1972 and Mar 1973. Combat in Southwest Asia, Jan–Feb 1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater. Korea: CCF Intervention; First UN Counteroffensive; CCF Spring Offensive; UN Summer-Fall Offensive; Second Korean Winter; Korea Summer-Fall, 1952; Third Korean Winter; Korea, Summer 1953. Vietnam: Vietnam Ceasefire. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: France, 5 Mar–24 Apr 1944; Korea, 22 Apr–8 Jul 1951; Korea, 9 Jul–27 Nov 1951. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award With Combat “V” Device: 12 Apr–25 Sep 1972. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 16 Sep 1973–15 Apr 1974; 7–14 Jun 1974; 22 Nov 1974–31 Dec 1975; 1 Jun 1982–31 May 1984; 1 Jul 1989–22 Apr 1991; 23 Apr 1991–31 Mar 1993. Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citations: 1 Nov 1951–30 Sep 1952; 1 Oct 1952–31 Mar 1953. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross With Palm: 8 Apr–5 Oct 1972.

Emblem

On a Turquoise Blue disc, marked with a large, White, cumulus cloud, within a thin, Black border, a Red, White, and Blue skyrocket with Silver Gray head, marked on Blue segment with four, White stars, and having a bubble canopy inclosing pilot, in flight toward sinister chief and emitting rocket discharge toward rear. Approved on 15 Oct 1947 (K 10815). *MOTTO*: ROCKETEERS. Approved in 1994.



337th Flight Test Squadron

Constituted 337th Fighter Squadron on 29 Aug 1942. Activated on 11 Sep 1942. Redesignated: 337th Fighter Squadron (Twin Engine) on 1 Jul 1942; 337th Fighter Squadron, Two Engine, on 5 Feb 1944. Disbanded on 31 Mar 1944. Reconstituted, and redesignated 337th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron, on 23 Mar 1953. Activated on 8 Jul 1954. Discontinued on 8 Jul 1960. Redesignated 337th Tactical Fighter Squadron on 11 Dec 1981. Activated on 1 Apr 1982. Inactivated on 1 Jul 1985. Consolidated (1 Oct 1992) with the 2874th Test Squadron, which was designated, and activated, on 15 Jan 1988. Redesignated: 337th Test Squadron on 1 Oct 1992; 337th Flight Test Squadron on 1 Mar 1994.

Assignments

342d Composite Group, 11 Sep 1942; 329th Fighter Group, Nov 1942–31 Mar 1944. 514th Air Defense Group, 8 Jul 1954; 4707th Air Defense Wing, 18 Aug 1955; 4622d Air Defense Wing (later, Boston Air Defense Sector), 18 Oct 1956; 4729th Air Defense Group, 8 Jul 1957; Boston Air Defense Sector, 25 Jun 1958–8 Jul 1960. 4th Tactical Fighter Wing, 1 Apr 1982–1 Jul 1985. Sacramento Air Logistics Center, 15 Jan 1988; Air Force Development Test Center, 1 Jul 1994; 46th Operations Group, 1 Jul 1994–.

Stations

Iceland, 11 Sep–26 Nov 1942; Glendale, CA, 26 Nov 1942; Muroc AAB, CA, 1 Mar 1943; Glendale, CA, 6 May 1943; Paine Field, WA, 12 Aug 1943; Glendale, CA, c. 2 Nov 1943; Ontario AAFld, CA, 29 Dec 1943–31 Mar 1944. Minneapolis-St Paul Intl Aprt, MN, 8 Jul 1954; Westover AFB, MA, 18 Aug 1955–8 Jul 1960. Seymour Johnson AFB, NC, 1 Apr 1982–1 Jul 1985. McClellan AFB, CA, 15 Jan 1988–.

Aircraft

P-38, 1942–1944. F-89, 1954–1955; F-86, 1955–1958; F-104, 1958–1960. F-4, 1982–1985.

Operations

Trained replacement pilots, Nov 1942–Mar 1944, and furnished cadres for fighter squadrons, Jan–Dec 1943. Air defense in the US, 1954–1960. Flight tested aircraft returning to active service after depot maintenance, modification, or repair, 1988–.

Service Streamers

World War II EAME Theater; World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jan 1977–30 Apr 1978; 1 May 1978–31 May 1979; 1 Jun 1982–31 May 1984.

Emblem

On a disc Or, bordered Azure, a falcon, volant, Argent and Sable, surmounting a large flash of lightning Gules. Approved on 9 Jun 1955 (152767 A.C.), modified on 1 Jul 1982 (DFSC 82–07272). *MOTTO*: FALCONS. Approved in 1994.



339th Flight Test Squadron

Constituted 339th Fighter Squadron on 29 Sep 1942. Activated on 3 Oct 1942. Redesignated: 339th Fighter Squadron (Twin Engine) on 23 Feb 1943; 339th Fighter Squadron, Two Engine, on 20 Aug 1943. Inactivated on 1 Jan 1946. Redesignated 339th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 13 Jul 1946. Activated on 25 Aug 1946. Redesignated: 339th Fighter Squadron (All Weather) on 20 Feb 1947; 339th Fighter Squadron, All Weather, on 10 Aug 1948; 339th Fighter-All Weather Squadron on 20 Jan 1950; 339th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron on 25 Apr 1951. Inactivated on 15 Jan 1958. Redesignated 339th Tactical Fighter Squadron on 19 Dec 1975. Activated on 30 Dec 1975. Inactivated on 1 Jul 1983. Consolidated (1 Oct 1992) with the 2875th Test Squadron, which was designated, and activated, on 15 Jan 1988. Redesignated: 339th Test Squadron on 1 Oct 1992; 339th Flight Test Squadron on 15 Mar 1994.

Assignments

347th Fighter Group, 3 Oct 1942–1 Jan 1946. Thirteenth Air Force, 25 Aug 1946; 347th Fighter (later, 347th Fighter-All Weather) Group, 20 Feb 1947 (attached to 35th Fighter [later, 35th Fighter-Interceptor] Wing, 1 Jul 1949–1 Dec 1950); Fifth Air Force, 24 Jun 1950; 314th Air Division, 1 Dec 1950 (attached to the 6162d Air Base Wing, 1 Dec 1950–24 May 1951; 35th Fighter-Interceptor Wing, 25 May 1951–20 Jul 1954); Japan Air Defense Force, 1 Mar 1952 (attached to 49th Fighter-Bomber Wing, 20 Jul–18 Nov 1954); Fifth Air Force, 1 Sep 1954 (attached to the 4th Fighter-Interceptor Wing, 18 Nov 1954–15 Sep 1957); 39th Air Division, 1 Mar 1955–15 Jan 1958. 347th Tactical Fighter Wing, 30 Dec 1975–1 Jul 1983. Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, 15 Jan 1988–.

Stations

New Caledonia, 3 Oct 1942 (detachment operated from Guadalcanal, 3 Oct 1942–1 Dec 1943); Guadalcanal, 29 Dec 1943; Stirling Island, 15 Jan 1944; Sanspor, New Guinea, 15 Aug 1944; Middleburg Island, 19 Sep 1944 (operated from Morotai, 13 Feb–25 Mar 1945); San Jose, Mindoro, 22 Feb 1945; Puerto Princesa, Palawan, 6 Mar–11 Dec 1945; Camp Stoneman, CA, 30 Dec 1945–1 Jan 1946. Ft William McKinley, Luzon, 25 Aug 1946; Johnson AB, Japan, 15 Dec 1946; Yokota, Japan, 1 Apr 1950; Johnson AB, Japan, 4 Aug 1950; Chitose AB, Japan, 20 Jul 1954–15 Jan 1958. Moody AFB, GA, 30 Dec 1975–1 Jul 1983. Robins AFB, GA, 15 Jan 1988–.

Aircraft

P-400, 1942; P-39, 1942–1943; P-38, 1942–1945. P(later F)-61, 1947–1950; F-82, 1949–1951; F-94, 1951–1955; F-80, 1953–1954; F-86, 1955–1957. F-4, 1976–1983.

Operations

Combat in South and Southwest Pacific, c. 22 Oct 1942–8 Aug 1945. Air defense in Japan, 1946–1958. Combat in Korea, 27 Jun–5 Jul 1950. Tested possible modifications for various weapons systems, 1988–.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: China Defensive; Guadalcanal; New Guinea; Northern Solomons; Bismarck Archipelago; Western Pacific; Leyte; Luzon; Southern Philippines; China Offensive. Korea: UN Defensive.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: Netherlands East Indies, 7, 20, and 22d Nov 1944. Presidential Unit Citation: [1942]. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jan 1977–30 Apr 1978; 1 May 1978–31 May 1979. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII).

Emblem

On an Air Force Blue disc, spattered with White stars, a Silver colored dragon, with Red eyeballs, White pupils, and flames of fire from his mouth, rearing upward between two large cloud formations, issuing from the sides of the disc of the second color. Approved on 19 Oct 1955 and reinstated on 20 Oct 1992 (153866 A.C.); replaced emblems approved on 30 Nov 1988 and 2 Dec 1943 (25877 A.C.). *MOTTO*: EXAMINE THE END. Approved on 30 Nov 1988.



343d Reconnaissance Squadron

Constituted 343d Fighter Squadron (Twin Engine), on 21 Jan 1943. Activated on 1 Feb 1943. Redesignated: 343d Fighter Squadron, Twin Engine, on 20 Aug 1943; 343d Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 5 Sep 1944. Inactivated on 20 Aug 1946. Redesignated 343d Reconnaissance Squadron, Very Long Range, Mapping, on 5 Feb 1947. Activated on 24 Feb 1947. Redesignated 343d Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, Photo-Mapping, on 29 Jun 1948. Inactivated on 14 Oct 1949. Redesignated 343d Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, Medium, Electronics, on 27 Oct 1950. Activated on 1 Nov 1950. Redesignated: 343d Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, Medium, on 15 Jul 1954; 343d Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron on 16 Aug 1966; 343d Reconnaissance Squadron on 1 Sep 1991.

Assignments

55th Fighter Group, 1 Feb 1943–20 Aug 1946. 55th Reconnaissance (later, 55th Strategic Reconnaissance) Group, 24 Feb 1947–14 Oct 1949 (attached to 55th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, 19 Jul–26 Oct 1948). 55th Strategic Reconnaissance Group, 1 Nov 1950 (attached to 91st Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, 1 Nov 1950–3 Jan 1951; 55th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, 4 Jan 1951–15 Jun 1952); 55th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, 16 Jun 1952; 55th Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991–.

Stations

McChord Field, WA, 1 Feb–22 Aug 1943; Nuthampstead, England, 16 Sep 1943; Wormingford, England, 16 Apr 1944; Kaufbeuren, Germany, c. 20 Jul 1945; Giebelstadt, Germany, 30 Apr–20 Aug 1946. MacDill Field (later, AFB), FL, 24 Feb 1947; Topeka (later, Forbes) AFB, KS, 30 Jun 1948–14 Oct 1949. Barksdale AFB, LA, 1 Nov 1950; Ramey AFB, Puerto Rico, 3 Jan 1951; Forbes AFB, KS, 10 Oct 1952 (deployed at Benguerir AB, French Morocco, 30 May 1955–8 Aug 1955); Offutt AFB, NE, 16 Aug 1966–.

Aircraft

P–38, 1943–1944; P–51, 1944–1946; P–80, 1946. F–2, 1947; RF–2, 1947; FB–17, 1947–1948; F–9, 1947–1948; F–2, 1948; RB–17, 1948–1949; RB–29, 1948–1949; TB–29, 1949. RB–29, 1950–1951; RB–50, 1951–1954; C–47, 1953–1954; LB–29, 1954; KB–29, 1954; RB–47, 1954–1967; ERB–47 (later, EB–47), 1957–1967; RC–135, 1967–1979.

Operations

Combat in ETO, 15 Oct 1943–21 Apr 1945. Aerial photography 1947–1949. Worldwide strategic reconnaissance 1950–1979. From 1979 provided worldwide strategic reconnaissance support, which included Grenada, 1983; Libya, 1986; and Southwest Asia 1990–1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: ETO, 3–13 Sep 1944; Germany, 19 Feb 45. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 5 Nov 1950–[15 Apr 1954]; Jul 1956–Nov 1957; 1 Jul 1963–30 Jun 1964; 1 Jul 1966–30 Jun 1967; 1 Jul 1972–30 Jun 1974; 1 Jul 1974–30 Jun 1976; 1 Jul 1976–30 Jun 1978; 1 Jul 1978–30 Jun 1980; 1 Jul 1987–30 Jun 1989; 1 Jul 1989–30 Jun 1991.

Emblem

A caricature flying raven Black, eyelid White, eyeball Red, beak Yellow, riding an electronic beam Red. Approved on 25 Jul 1952 (44723 A.C.).



344th Air Refueling Squadron

Constituted 344th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 28 Jan 1942. Activated on 3 Feb 1942. Redesignated: 344th Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, on 1 Jul 1943; 344th Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, on 23 May 1945. Inactivated on 27 Mar 1946. Activated on 1 Jul 1947. Redesignated 344th Bombardment Squadron, Medium, on 28 May 1948. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 25 Jun 1966. Redesignated 344th Air Refueling Squadron, Heavy, on 7 May 1986. Activated on 1 Oct 1986. Redesignated 344th Air Refueling Squadron on 1 Jul 1992.

Assignments

98th Bombardment Group, 3 Feb 1942; 444th Bombardment Group, 10 Nov 1945–27 Mar 1946. 98th Bombardment Group, 1 Jul 1947 (attached to 98th Bombardment Wing, 1 Apr 1951–15 Jun 1952); 98th Bombardment (later, 98th Strategic Aerospace) Wing, 16 Jun 1952–25 Jun 1966. 68th Air Refueling Wing, 1 Oct 1986; 4th Operations Group, 22 Apr 1991; 22d Operations Group, 29 Apr 1994–.

Stations

MacDill Field, FL, 3 Feb 1942; Barksdale Field, LA, c. 9 Feb 1942; Ft Myers, FL, 30 Mar 1942; Drane Field, FL, 17 May–3 Jul 1942; Ramat David, Palestine, 25 Jul 1942; St Jean, Palestine, 21 Aug 1942; Kabrit, Egypt, 11 Nov 1942; Lete, Libya, 4 Mar 1943; Hergla, Tunisia, 24 Sep 1943; Brindisi, Italy, 18 Nov 1943; Manduria, Italy, 19 Dec 1943; Lecce, Italy, 18 Jan 1944–19 Apr 1945; Fairmont AAFld, NE, 8 May 1945; McCook AAFld, NE, 25 Jun 1945; Merced AAFld, CA, 10 Nov 1945–27 Mar 1946. Andrews Field, MD 1 Jul 1947; Spokane AAFld (later, Spokane AFB; Fairchild AFB), WA, 24 Sep 1947 (deployed at Kadena AB, Okinawa, 22 Aug–7 Dec 1948; Sculthorpe, England, 25 May–29 Aug 1949; and Yokota AB, Japan, c. 5 Aug 1950–14 Aug 1953); Yokota AB, Japan, 15 Aug 1953–22 Jul 1954; Lincoln AFB, NE, 24 Jul 1954–25 Jun 1966 (deployed at Lakenheath RAF Station, England, 12 Nov 1955–28 Jan 1956). Seymour Johnson AFB, NC, 1 Oct 1986; McConnell AFB, KS, 29 Apr 1994–.

Aircraft

B–24, 1942–1945; B–29, 1945. B–29, 1947–1954; B–47, 1954–1966. KC–10, 1986–.

Operations

Combat in MTO and ETO, Aug 1942–Apr 1945. Combat in Korea, Aug 1950–Jul 1953. Air refueling in support of operations in Panama, Dec 1989. Air refueling and airlift support to and in Southwest Asia Theater, Aug 1990–Mar 1991.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Egypt-Libya; Air Offensive, Europe; Tunisia; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Anzio; Rome-Arno; Normandy; Northern France; Southern France;

North Apennines; Rhineland; Central Europe; Po Valley; Air Combat, EAME Theater. Korea: UN Defensive; UN Offensive; CCF Intervention; First UN Counteroffensive; CCF Spring Offensive; UN Summer-Fall Offensive; Second Korean Winter; Korea Summer-Fall, 1952; Third Korean Winter; Korea, Summer 1953. Southwest Asia: Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: North Africa and Sicily, Aug 1942–17 Aug 1943; Ploesti, Rumania, 1 Aug 1943; Korea, 1 Dec 1952–30 Apr 1953. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1964–1 Jun 1965; [1 Oct 1986]–30 Jun 1987; 23 Apr 1991–31 Mar 1993. Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation: [7 Aug 1950]–27 Jul 1953.

Emblem

Celeste, a raven soaring throughout proper grasping in both feet an air refueling boom Argent surmounting a cloud of the like, between a ring of eleven mullets three in chief four in sinister base and four in dexter base of the last; all within a diminished bordure Sable. *MOTTO*: ANYTIME — ANYWHERE. Approved on 17 Oct 1994 (DFSC 95–00354); replaced emblems approved on 23 Sep 1987 (DFSC 88–00044) and on 17 Aug 1956 (155263 A.C.).



349th Air Refueling Squadron

Constituted 349th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 28 Jan 1942. Activated on 1 Jun 1942. Redesignated 349th Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, on 20 Aug 1943. Inactivated on 1 Dec 1945. Redesignated 349th Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, on 13 May 1947. Activated in the Reserve on 29 May 1947. Inactivated on 27 Jun 1949. Redesignated 349th Bombardment Squadron, Medium, on 1 Aug 1955. Activated on 1 Jan 1956. Redesignated: 349th Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron on 25 Jun 1966; 349th Air Refueling Squadron, Heavy, on 30 Sep 1976; 349th Air Refueling Squadron on 1 Sep 1991. Inactivated on 1 Jun 1992. Activated on 1 Jan 1994.

Assignments

100th Bombardment Group, 1 Jun 1942–1 Dec 1945. 100th Bombardment Group, 29 May 1947–27 Jun 1949. 100th Bombardment (later, 100th Strategic Reconnaissance; 100th Air Refueling) Wing, 1 Jan 1956; 9th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, 15 Mar 1983; 9th Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991–1 Jun 1992. 22d Operations Group, 1 Jan 1994–.

Stations

Orlando AB, FL, 1 Jun 1942; Barksdale Field, LA, 18 Jun 1942; Pendleton Field, OR, 26 Jun 1942; Gowen Field, ID, 28 Aug 1942; Walla Walla, WA, 31 Oct 1942; Wendover Field, UT, 30 Nov 1942; Sioux City AAB, IA, 6 Jan 1943; Kearney AAFld, NE, 4 Feb–1 May 1943; Thorpe Abbots, England, 14 Jun 1943–23 Nov 1945; Camp Kilmer, NJ, 29 Nov–1 Dec 1945. Miami AAFld, FL, 29 May 1947–27 Jun 1949. Portsmouth (later, Pease) AFB, NH, 1 Jan 1956 (deployed at Brize Norton RAF Station, England, 4 Jan–c. 1 Apr 1958); Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ, 25 Jun 1966; Beale AFB, CA, 30 Sep 1976–1 Jun 1992. McConnell AFB, KS, 1 Jan 1994–.

Aircraft

B–17, 1942–1945. AT–6, AT–7, and AT–11, 1947–1949. B–47, 1956–1966; U/WU–2, 1966–1976; KC–135, 1976–1992.

Operations

Combat in ETO, 25 Jun 1943–20 Apr 1945. Bombardment training, 1956–1966. Worldwide strategic reconnaissance, 1966–1976. Air refueling in support of SR–71, 1976–1990. Provided cargo and air refueling support to combat units in Southwest Asia, Aug 1990–Mar 1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Germany, 17 Aug 1943; Berlin, Germany, 4, 6, 8 Mar 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat “V” Device: 1 Jul 1972–30 Jun 1973. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1968–30 Jun 1970; 1 Jul 1983–30 Jun 1984; 1 Jul 1985–30 Jun 1986; 1 Jul 1989–30 Jun 1990; 1 Sep 1991–30 Jun 1993. French Croix de Guerre with Palm: 25 Jun–31 Dec 1944

Emblem

On a Blue globe gridlined Gray enveloped by a Red band all within a narrow Black border, two aerodynamic symbols in horizontal flight, engaged in air refueling, the topmost symbol and connector Gray, the lower symbol Black all between a Yellow sunburst in the top of the disc to dexter, and a Yellow lightning bolt issuing from base in sinister. Approved on 11 Jan 1977 (KE 61786), modified in 1994; replaced emblem approved on 24 May 1957 (9357 A.C.).



350th Air Refueling Squadron

Constituted 350th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 28 Jan 1942. Activated on 1 Jun 1942. Redesignated 350th Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, on 20 Aug 1943. Inactivated on 15 Dec 1945. Redesignated 350th Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, on 9 Jul 1947. Activated in the Reserve on 16 Jul 1947. Inactivated on 27 Jun 1949. Redesignated 350th Bombardment Squadron, Medium, on 1 Aug 1955. Activated on 1 Jan 1956. Redesignated 350th Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron on 25 Jun 1966. Inactivated on 1 Jul 1976. Redesignated 350th Air Refueling Squadron, Heavy, on 19 Jan 1982. Activated on 28 Jan 1982. Redesignated 350th Air Refueling Squadron on 1 Sep 1991.

Assignments

100th Bombardment Group, 1 Jun 1942–15 Dec 1945. 100th Bombardment Group, 16 Jul 1947–27 Jun 1949. 100th Bombardment (later, 100th Strategic Reconnaissance) Wing, 1 Jan 1956–1 Jul 1976 (attached to Sixteenth Air Force, 4 Mar–4 Apr 1958). 100th Air Refueling Wing, 28 Jan 1982; 9th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, 15 Mar 1983; 9th Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991; 43d Operations Group, 1 Oct 1993; 22d Operations Group, 1 Jul 1994–.

Stations

Orlando AB, FL, 1 Jun 1942; Barksdale Field, LA, 18 Jun 1942; Pendleton Field, OR, 26 Jun 1942; Gowen Field, ID, 28 Aug 1942; Walla Walla, WA, 31 Oct 1942; Wendover Field, UT, 30 Nov 1942; Sioux City AAB, IA, 6 Jan 1943; Kearney AAFld, NE, 4 Feb–1 May 1943; Thorpe Abbots, England, 2 Jun 1943–9 Dec 1945; Camp Kilmer, NJ, 14–15 Dec 1945. Columbia AAB, SC, 16 Jul 1947–27 Jun 1949. Portsmouth (later, Pease) AFB, NH, 1 Jan 1956 (deployed at Brize Norton RAF Stn, England, 4 Jan–4 Mar 1958, and at Torrejon AB, Spain, 4 Mar–4 Apr 1958). Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ, 25 Jun 1966–1 Jul 1976. Beale AFB, CA, 25 Jan 1982; McConnell AFB, KS, 1 Jul 1994–.

Aircraft

B–17, 1942–1945. AT–6, AT–7, and AT–11, 1947–1949. B–47, 1956–1966; DC–130, 1966–1976; CH–3, 1966–1976; AQM–34 (drone), 1966–1976. KC–135, 1982–.

Operations

Combat in ETO, 25 Jun 1943–20 Apr 1945. Global bombardment training, Apr 1956–Feb 1966. Operated AQM–34 strategic reconnaissance drones launched from DC–130 aircraft and recovered by CH–3 helicopters, 1966–1976. Provided refueling support for SR–71 aircraft, 1983–1990. Provided cargo support and intratheater refueling during combat in Southwest Asia, Aug 1990–Mar 1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Germany, 17 Aug 1943; Berlin, Germany, 4, 6, 8 Mar 1944; Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat “V” Device: 1 Jul 1972–30 Jun 1973. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1968–30 Jun 1970; 1 Jul 1983–30 Jun 1984; 1 Jul 1985–30 Jun 1986; 1 Jul 1989–30 Jun 1990; 1 Sep 1991–30 Jun 1993. French Croix de Guerre with Palm: 25 Jun–31 Dec 1944.

Emblem

On an Air Force Blue disc, a pattern of six White stars in bend; over all a Red falcon in flight, outlines and details White, shadows Air Force Blue, bearing in its beak a long trailing Green olive spray; radiating from the falcon’s talons to base, three Air Force Golden Yellow lightning flashes; all within a White border, edged Blue. *MOTTO*: RED FALCONS. Approved on 17 Apr 1959 (K 2068).



351st Air Refueling Squadron

Constituted 351st Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 28 Jan 1942. Activated on 1 Jun 1942. Redesignated 351st Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, on 20 Aug 1943. Inactivated on 15 Dec 1945. Redesignated 351st Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, on 3 Jul 1947. Activated in the Reserve on 17 Jul 1947. Inactivated on 27 Jun 1949. Redesignated 351st Bombardment Squadron, Medium, on 1 Aug 1955. Activated on 1 Jan 1956. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 25 Jun 1966. Redesignated 351st Air Refueling Squadron on 26 Mar 1992. Activated on 31 Mar 1992.

Assignments

100th Bombardment Group, 1 Jun 1942–15 Dec 1945. 100th Bombardment Group, 17 Jul 1947–27 Jun 1949. 100th Bombardment Wing, 1 Jan 1956–25 Jun 1966. 100th Air Refueling Wing, 31 Mar 1992–.

Stations

Orlando AB, FL, 1 Jun 1942; Barksdale Field, LA, 18 Jun 1942; Pendleton Field, OR, 26 Jun 1942; Gowen Field, ID, 28 Aug 1942; Walla Walla, WA, 31 Oct 1942; Wendover Field, UT, 30 Nov 1942; Sioux City AAB, IA, 6 Jan 1943; Kearney AAFld, NE, 4 Feb–1 May 1943; Thorpe Abbots, England, 2 Jun 1943–9 Dec 1945; Camp Kilmer, NJ, 14–15 Dec 1945. Orlando AAB (later, AFB), FL, 17 Jul 1947–27 Jun 1949. Portsmouth (later, Pease) AFB, NH, 1 Jan 1956–25 Jun 1966 (deployed to Brize Norton RAF Stn, England, 7 Jan–4 Apr 1958). RAF Mildenhall, England, 31 Mar 1992–.

Aircraft

B–17, 1942–1945. Unkn, 1947–1949. B–47, 1956–1966. KC–135, 1992–.

Operations

Combat in ETO, 25 Jun 1943–20 Apr 1945. Global strategic bombardment mission, May 1956–Feb 1966. Aerial refueling operations, 31 Mar 1992–.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Germany, 17 Aug 1943; Berlin, Germany, 4, 6, 8 Mar 1944. French Croix de Guerre with Palm: 25 Jun–31 Dec 1944.

Emblem

On a Blue disc bordered White edged Blue and bearing in base a Green wreath of olive branches, a Yellow Roman style helmet in profile with Red plume above a shield blazoned: Or two lightning flashes saltirewise Azure surmounted by a bomb palewise point to base Gules. *MOTTO*: PAX OPUS NOSTRUM—Peace is our Profession. Approved on 16 Sep 1958 (K 10670).



354th Fighter Squadron

Constituted 354th Fighter Squadron, and activated, on 12 Nov 1942. Redesignated 354th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 21 Aug 1944. Inactivated on 20 Nov 1946. Redesignated 354th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron on 11 Sep 1952. Activated on 1 Nov 1952. Inactivated on 8 Jan 1958. Redesignated 354th Tactical Fighter Squadron, and activated, on 13 Apr 1962. Organized on 25 Apr 1962. Redesignated 354th Tactical Fighter Training Squadron on 1 Apr 1979. Inactivated on 30 Apr 1982. Redesignated 354th Fighter Squadron, and activated, on 1 Nov 1991.

Assignments

355th Fighter Group, 12 Nov 1942–20 Nov 1946. 27th Air Division, 1 Nov 1952; 533d Air Defense Group, 16 Feb 1953; 355th Fighter Group, 18 Aug 1955–8 Jan 1958. Tactical Air Command, 13 Apr 1962; 831st Air Division, 25 Apr 1962; 355th Tactical Fighter Wing, 8 Jul 1962; Thirteenth Air Force, 14 Dec 1970; 4453d Combat Crew Training Wing, 1 Apr 1971; 355th Tactical Fighter (later, 355th Tactical Training) Wing, 1 Jul 1971–30 Apr 1982. 602d Air Control Wing, 1 Nov 1991; 355th Operations Group, 1 May 1992–.

Stations

Orlando, FL, 12 Nov 1942; Zephyrhills, FL, 30 Jan 1943; Orlando, FL, 13 Feb 1943; Norfolk Muni Aprt, VA, 18 Feb 1943; Philadelphia Muni Aprt, PA, 4 Mar 1943; Millville, NJ, 5 May 1943; Philadelphia Muni Aprt, PA, 27 May–16 Jun 1943; Steeple Morden, England, 6 Jul 1943; Gablingen, Germany, 17 Jul 1945; Schweinfurt, Germany, 15 Apr–1 Aug 1946; Mitchel Fld, NY, 1 Aug–20 Nov 1946. Long Beach Muni Aprt, CA, 1 Nov 1952; Oxnard AFB, CA, 16 Dec 1952 (operated from Moody AFB, GA, 8 May–10 Jun 1955); McGhee-Tyson Aprt, TN, 18 Aug 1955–8 Jan 1958. George AFB, CA, 25 Apr 1962 (operated from Eielson AFB, AK, 24 Jan–14 Feb 1964, and from Incirlik AB, Turkey, 5 May–18 Sep 1964); McConnell AFB, KS, 15 Oct 1964–27 Nov 1965 (deployed at Kadena AB, Okinawa, and then Korat RTAFB, Thailand, 6 Mar–18 Jun 1965); Takhli RTAFB, Thailand, 28 Nov 1965–15 Oct 1970; Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ, 15 Oct 1970–30 Apr 1982 (deployed at Korat RTAFB, Thailand, 14 Jan–4 Jul 1973). Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ, 1 Nov 1991; McChord AFB, WA, 5 Jan 1993; Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ, 1 Oct 1994–.

Aircraft

P–47, 1943–1944; P–51, 1944–1946. F–51, 1952–1953; F–94, 1953–1955; F–86, 1955–1957. F–105, 1962–1970; A–7, 1971–1979; A–10, 1979–1982. AO–10, 1991–.

Operations

Combat in ETO, 14 Sep 1943–25 Apr 1945. Combat in Southeast Asia, 13 Mar–12 Jun 1965; 28 Nov 1965–7 Oct 1970; c. 14 Jan–3 Jul 1973. Combat crew training, 1971–1982 and forward air control training, 1991–.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater. Vietnam: Vietnam Defensive; Vietnam Air; Vietnam Air Offensive; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air/Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; TET 69/Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer/Fall, 1969; Vietnam Winter-Spring, 1970; Sanctuary Counter-offensive; Southwest Monsoon; Vietnam Ceasefire.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: Germany, 5 Apr 1944. Presidential Unit Citations (Southeast Asia): 5 May–17 Jun 1965; 1 Jan–10 Oct 1966; 11–12 Aug 1967 and 24–28 Oct 1967; 12 Apr 1968–30 Apr 1969; and 10 Oct 1972–30 Apr 1973. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat “V” Device: 12 Oct 1966–11 Apr 1967; 12 Apr 1967–11 Apr 1968; 1 Jul 1969–15 Oct 1970. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1956–30 Jun 1957; 1 Jul 1971–11 Jan 1973; 1 Jul 1971–11 Jan 1973; 1 Oct 1976–31 May 1978; 1 May 1990–30 Apr 1992. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 1 Apr 1966–28 Jan 1973.

Emblem

Celeste, a bulldog head couped close Or, garnished Sable and Argent and collared Azure spiked White, all within a diminished bordure of the fifth. *MOTTO*: BULLDOGS. Approved on 16 Aug 1994 (DFSC 95–0026); replaced emblem approved on 29 Nov 1943 (49617 A.C.).



355th Fighter Squadron

Constituted 355th Fighter Squadron on 12 Nov 1942. Activated on 15 Nov 1942. Redesignated 355th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 21 Aug 1944. Inactivated on 31 Mar 1946. Redesignated 355th Fighter-Day Squadron on 28 Sep 1956. Activated on 19 Nov 1956. Redesignated 355th Tactical Fighter Squadron on 1 Jul 1958. Inactivated on 30 Sep 1970. Activated on 1 Nov 1970. Redesignated 355th Fighter Squadron on 1 Nov 1991. Inactivated on 31 Mar 1992. Activated on 20 Aug 1993.

Assignments

345th Fighter Group, 15 Nov 1942–31 Mar 1946. 354th Fighter-Day Group, 19 Nov 1956; 354th Fighter-Day (later, 354th Tactical Fighter) Wing, 25 Sep 1957 (attached to Seventeenth Air Force, 15 Jul–26 Oct 1958, 19 May–17 Sep 1959, 10 Sep 1960–16 Jan 1961, 7 Jul–14 Oct 1962, 3 Jul–17 Sep 1963; 8 Jun–28 Aug 1964, 2 Jul–25 Sep 1965, and 4 Dec 1965–23 Apr 1966; 50th Tactical Fighter Wing, 5 Sep–19 Nov 1961; 2d Air Division Provisional, 21 Oct–1 Dec 1962; Alaskan Air Command, 6–20 Feb 1963; and 37th Tactical Fighter Wing, 3 Feb 1968–); 113th Tactical Fighter Wing, 22 Apr 1968 (remained attached to 37th Tactical Fighter Wing to 4 Jul 1968); 37th Tactical Wing, 5 Jul 1968; 31st Tactical Fighter Wing, 19 May 1969–30 Sep 1970. 354th Tactical Fighter (later, 354th Fighter) Wing, 1 Nov 1970–31 Mar 1992 (attached 354th Combat Support Group, 15–16 Aug 1990; Tactical Fighter Wing Provisional, 354, 20 Dec 1990 2 Aug 1991). 354th Operations Group, 20 Aug 1993–.

Stations

Hamilton Field, CA, 15 Nov 1942; Tonopah, NV, 20 Jan 1943; Hayward AAFld, CA, 4 May 1943; Portland AAB, OR, 3 Jun–6 Oct 1943; Greenham Common, England, 4 Nov 1943; Boxted, England, 13 Nov 1943; Lashenden, England, c. 14 Apr 1944; Cricqueville, France, c. 18 Jun 1944; Gael, France, 14 Aug 1944; Orconte, France, 21 Sep 1944 (operated from St. Dizier, France, c. 18 Nov–1 Dec 1944); Rosieres-en-Haye, France, 1 Dec 1944; Ober Olm, Germany, c. 4 Apr 1945; Ansbach, Germany, 1 May 1945; Herzogenaurach, Germany, c. 15 May 1945–15 Feb 1946; Bolling Field, DC, 15 Feb–31 Mar 1946. Myrtle Beach AFB, SC, 19 Nov 1956–5 Jul 1968 (deployed at Adana AB, Turkey, 15 Jul–26 Oct 1958; Aviano AB, Italy, 19 May–17 Sep 1959 and 10 Sep 1960–16 Jan 1961; Hahn AB, Germany, 5 Sep–19 Nov 1961; Aviano AB, Italy, 7 Jul–14 Oct 1962; McCoy AFB, FL, 21 Oct–1 Dec 1962; Elmendorf AFB, AK, 6–20 Feb 1963; Incirlik AB, Turkey, 3 Jul–17 Sep 1963; Orland, Norway, 8–15 Jun 1964; Aviano AB, Italy, 15 Jun–28 Aug 1964 and 2 Jul–25 Sep 1965; Incirlik AB, Turkey, 4 Dec 1965–23 Apr 1966; Phu Cat AB, South Vietnam, 3 Feb–4 Jul 1968); Phu Cat AB, South Vietnam, 5 Jul 1968; Tuy Hoa AB, South Vietnam, 15 May 1969–30 Sep 1970. Myrtle Beach AFB, SC, 1 Nov 1970–31 Mar 1992 (operated from Korat RTAFB, Thailand, 10 Oct 1972–16 Mar 1973 and 15 Oct 1973–26 Apr 1974; King Fahd, Saudi Arabia, 15 Aug 1990–2 Aug 1991). Eielson AFB, AK, 20 Aug 1993–.

Aircraft

P–39, 1943; P–51, 1943–1944, 1945–1946; P–47, 1944–1945. F–100, 1956–1970. A–7, 1970–1977; A–10, 1978–1992.

Operations

Air defense in US in 1943. Combat in ETO, 1 Dec 1943–8 May 1945.

Combat in Southeast Asia, Feb 1968–Sep 1970 and Oct 1972–Mar 1973.

Combat in Southwest Asia, Jan–Feb 1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater. Vietnam: Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; TET 69/Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer-Fall, 1969; Vietnam Winter-Spring, 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon; Vietnam Ceasefire. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: ETO, [Dec] 1943–15 May 1944; France, 25 Aug 1944. Presidential Unit Citations: Southeast Asia, 1 Jul–31 Dec 1968; Southeast Asia, 10 Oct 1972–30 Apr 1973. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Oct 1962–31 Dec 1963; 3 Feb–30 Jun 1968; 1 Nov 1970–31 May 1972; 1 May 1974–30 Apr 1976; 1 Jan 1978–31 Mar 1979; 1 Jul 1985–30 Jun 1987; 1 May 1990–15 Mar 1992. French Croix De Guerre with Palm: 1 Dec 1943–31 Dec 1944. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 22 Jan 1968–31 Aug 1970.

Emblem

Over an Air Force Blue disc fimbriated White, bordered Silver-Gray, edged White, a peregrine falcon swooping downward to attack, wings up, head and underwings White, leg feathers, and backs of wings Black, beak and talons Air Force Golden Yellow, eyes Red, breast and face around eyes Silver-Gray; on the border between the wing tips in chief four stars and below wing tip in

sinister one star, all in perspective White shaded Black; White outlines and details on leg feathers and back; Black outlines and details on head, wings and talons. Approved on 25 Jun 1957 (K 10328); replaced emblem approved on 10 Apr 1943 (156305 A.C.).



357th Fighter Squadron

Constituted 357th Fighter Squadron, and activated, on 12 Nov 1942. Redesignated 357th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 20 Aug 1943. Inactivated on 20 Nov 1946. Redesignated 357th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron on 11 Sep 1952. Activated on 1 Nov 1952. Discontinued on 8 Mar 1960. Redesignated 357th Tactical Fighter Squadron on 13 Apr 1962. Organized on 8 Jul 1962. Inactivated on 10 Dec 1970. Activated on 15 Mar 1971. Redesignated: 357th Tactical Fighter Training Squadron on 1 Jul 1976; 357th Fighter Squadron on 1 Nov 1991.

Assignments

355th Fighter Group, 12 Nov 1942–20 Nov 1946. 4704th Defense Wing, 1 Nov 1952; 503d Air Defense Group, 16 Feb 1953; Seventeenth Air Force, 1 Jun 1953 (attached to Air Defense Division, Provisional, 8 Jun–17 Sep 1953); 316th Air Division, 18 Sep 1953–8 Mar 1960. Tactical Air Command, 13 Apr 1962; 355th Tactical Fighter Wing, 8 Jul 1962 (probably attached to 41st Air Division, 9 Aug–c. 9 Dec 1964; probably attached to 6234th Tactical Fighter Wing, 12 Jun–8 Nov 1965); 835th Air Division, 8 Nov 1965 (attached to 23d Tactical Fighter Wing, c. 8 Nov 1965–28 Jan 1966); 355th Tactical Fighter Wing, 29 Jan 1966–10 Dec 1970. 23d Tactical Fighter Wing, 15 Mar 1971; 4453d Combat Crew Training Wing, 22 Mar 1971; 355th Tactical Fighter (later, 355th Tactical Training; 355th Fighter) Wing, 1 Jul 1971; 355th Operations Group, 1 May 1992–.

Stations

Orlando, FL, 12 Nov 1942; Norfolk Muni Aprt, VA, 18 Feb 1943; Langley Field, VA, 4 Mar 1943; Millville AAfld, NJ, 27 Apr 1943; Philadelphia Muni Aprt, PA, 17 May–16 Jun 1943; Steeple Morden, England, 8 Jul 1943; Gablingen, Germany, 17 Jul 1945; Schweinfurt, Germany, 15 Apr–1 Aug 1946; Mitchel Field, NY, 1 Aug–20 Nov 1946. Portland Intl Aprt, OR, 1 Nov 1952–14 Mar 1953; Nouasseur AB, French Morocco (later, Morocco), 28 May 1953–8 Mar 1960. George AFB, CA, 8 Jul 1962; McConnell AFB, KS, 21 Jul 1964 (deployed at Yokota AB, Japan, c. 9 Aug–c. 9 Dec 1964; Korat RTAFB, Thailand, c. 12 Jun–c. 8 Nov 1965); Takhli RTAFB, Thailand, 29 Jan 1966–10 Dec 1970. McConnell AFB, KS, 15 Mar 1971; Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ, 22 Mar 1971–.

Aircraft

P–47, 1943–1944; P–51, 1944–1946. F–86, 1952–1960. F–105, 1962–1970. F–4, 1971; A–7, 1971–1979; A–10, 1979–.

Operations

Combat in ETO, 14 Sep 1943–25 Apr 1945. Combat in Southeast Asia, c. 13 Jun–c. 7 Nov 1965 and 8 Feb 1966–6 Oct 1970. Trained A–7 aircrews, Jul 1976–Oct 1979 and A–10 aircrews, Oct 1979–c. Oct 1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater. Vietnam: Vietnam Defensive; Vietnam Air; Vietnam Air Offensive; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air/Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; TET 69/Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer-Fall 1969; Vietnam Winter-Spring 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: Germany, 5 Apr 1944. Presidential Unit Citations (Southeast Asia): 11 Jun–21 Nov 1965; 29 Jan–10 Oct 1966; 11–12 Aug and 24–28 Oct 1967; 12 Apr 1968–30 Apr 1969. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat “V” Device: 12 Oct 1966–11 Apr 1967; 12 Apr 1967–11 Apr 1968; 1 Jul 1969–24 Nov 1970. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1971–1 Jun 1973; 1 Oct 1976–31 May 1978; 1 Jan 1991–31 Dec 1992. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 1 Apr 1966–10 Dec 1970.

Emblem

On a deep Yellow disc, piped Black, a Black striking dragon’s head, trimmed White, eye and tongue Red. Approved on 29 Jun 1943 (45450 A.C.).



358th Fighter Squadron

Constituted 358th Fighter Squadron, and activated, on 12 Nov 1942. Redesignated: 358th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 20 Aug 1943; 56th Reconnaissance Squadron, Weather Scouting, on 3 Dec 1945. Inactivated on 20 Nov 1946. Redesignated 56th Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, Medium, Weather, on 22 Jan 1951. Activated on 21 Feb 1951. Redesignated 56th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron on 15 Feb 1954. Inactivated on 15 Jan 1972. Redesignated 358th Tactical Fighter Squadron on 18 May 1972. Activated on 1 Jun 1972. Redesignated: 358th Tactical Fighter Training Squadron on 1 Jan 1976; 358th Fighter Squadron on 1 Nov 1991.

Assignments

355th Fighter Group, 12 Nov 1942–20 Nov 1946. 2143d Air Weather Wing, 21 Feb 1951; 1st Weather Wing, 8 Feb 1954; 9th Weather (later, 9th Weather Reconnaissance) Group, 1 Feb 1960; 9th Weather Reconnaissance Wing, 1 Jul 1965–15 Jan 1972. 355th Tactical Fighter (later, 355th Tactical Training; 355th Fighter) Wing, 1 Jun 1972 (attached to 354th Tactical Fighter Wing, c. 29 Dec 1973–c. 14 May 1974); 355th Operations Group, 1 May 1992–.

Stations

Orlando AB, FL, 12 Nov 1942; Norfolk Muni Aprt, VA, 17 Feb 1943; Philadelphia Muni Aprt, PA, 4 Mar–16 Jun 1943; Steeple Morden, England, 8 Jul 1943; Gablingen, Germany, 16 Jul 1945; Schweinfurt, Germany, Apr 1946; Mitchel Field, NY, 1 Aug–20 Nov 1946. Misawa AB, Japan, 21 Feb 1951; Yokota AB, Japan, 14 Sep 1951–15 Jan 1972 (detachment operated from Andersen AFB, Guam, 11 Mar 1960–18 Apr 1962). Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ, 1 Jun 1972– (deployed at Korat RTAFB, Thailand, c. 29 Dec 1973–c. 14 May 1974).

Aircraft

P–47, 1943–1944; P–51, 1944–1945. WB–29, 1951–1957; WB–50, 1956–1965; RB–57, 1962–1964, 1966–1972; C–130, 1962–1964; WB–47, 1963–1966; WC–135, 1964–1972. A–7, 1972–1979; A–10, 1979–.

Operations

Combat in ETO, 14 Sep 1943–25 Apr 1945. Supported combat operations in Korea, 21 Feb 1951–27 Jul 1953. Weather reconnaissance in the Far East, 1951–1972. Trained A–7 aircrews, Jul 1976–Oct 1979 and A–10 aircrews, c. Oct 1979–c. Oct 1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater. Korea: First UN Counter-offensive; CCF Spring Offensive; UN Summer-Fall Offensive; Second Korean Winter; Korea Summer-Fall, 1952; Third Korean Winter; Korea, Summer 1953.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: Germany, 5 Apr 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: Mar–Oct 1956; 1 Mar 1960–28 Feb 1961; 1 Jul 1967–30 Jun 1968; 1 Jan–31 Dec 1971; [1 Jun 1972]–1 Jun 1973; 1 Oct 1976–31 May 1978; 1 Jan 1990–31 Dec 1991.

Emblem

On a Red disc fimbriated White and bordered Blue issuing from sinister a wolf's head, Brown, garnished White and Red and detailed Black, surmounting a Yellow lightning bolt extending from upper left to lower right. Approved on 14 Nov 1972 (KE 50560); replaced emblems approved on 26 Sep 1952 (11242 A.C.) and 7 Jul 1943 (41895 A.C.).



384th Air Refueling Squadron

Constituted 584th Bombardment Squadron (Medium) on 15 Feb 1943. Activated on 5 Mar 1943. Redesignated: 584th Bombardment Squadron, Medium, on 9 Oct 1944; 584th Bombardment Squadron, Light, on 3 Dec 1945. Inactivated on 31 Mar 1946. Consolidated (19 Sep 1985) with 384th Air Refueling Squadron, Medium, which was constituted on 3 Mar 1955. Activated on 1 Apr 1955. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 25 Jun 1966. Redesignated 384th Air Refueling Squadron, Heavy, on 19 Jun 1973. Activated on 30 Sep 1973. Redesignated 384th Air Refueling Squadron on 1 Sep 1991.

Assignments

394th Bombardment Group, 5 Mar 1943–31 Mar 1946. 4050th Air Refueling Wing, 1 Apr 1955 (attached to HQ Eighth Air Force, 27 Apr–27 Jun 1956 and 21 May–25 Jun 1957); 499th Air Refueling Wing, 1 Jan 1963–25 Jun 1966. 384th Air Refueling (later, 384th Bombardment) Wing, 30 Sep 1973; 384th Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991; 19th Operations Group, 1 Jun 1992; 22d Operations Group, 1 Jan 1994–.

Stations

MacDill Field, FL, 5 Mar 1943; Ardmore AAFld, OK, 12 Jul 1943; Kellogg Field, MI, 24 Aug 1943; Atterbury AAFld, IN, 11 Sep 1943; Kellogg Field, MI, 13 Oct 1943–15 Feb 1944; Boreham, England, 11 Mar 1944; Holmsley, England, 24 Jul 1944; Tour-en-Bassin, France, 22 Aug 1944; Bricy, France, 21 Sep 1944; Cambrai-Niergnies, France, 8 Oct 1944; Venlo, Holland, 5 May 1945; Kitzingen, Germany, Sep 1945–15 Feb 1946; Bolling Field, DC, 15 Feb–31 Mar 1946. Westover AFB, MA, 1 Apr 1955–25 Jun 1966 (deployed at Ernest Harmon AFB, Newfoundland, 27 Apr–27 Jun 1956 and 21 May–25 Jun 1957; Lajes AB, Azores, 28 Sep–c. 28 Dec 1963). McConnell AFB, KS, 30 Sep 1973–.

Aircraft

B–26, 1943–1945; A–26, 1945–1946. KC–97, 1955–1965. KC–135, 1973–1977, 1978–.

Operations

Combat in ETO, 23 Mar 1944–20 Apr 1945. Aerial refueling for SAC bombers in N. Atlantic area, 1955–1965. Worldwide aerial refueling, 1973–; supported operations in Panama, 18–20 Dec 1989 and Southwest Asia, Aug 1990–Mar 1991.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: France, 7–9 Aug 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 8 Feb 1956–1 Dec 1959; 1 Jul 1974–30 Jun 1976; 1 Jul 1976–30 Jun 1978; 1 Jul 1980–30 Jun 1981; 1 Jul 1987–30 Jun 1989. French Croix de Guerre with Palm: 6 Jun–14 Sep 1944.

Emblem

On a disc per fess embattled Air Force Blue and Air Force Golden Yellow, within a narrow Red border, a stylized Silver-Gray eagle in chief, his wings displayed, details Air Force Blue, holding in his talons a Red refueling boom and in base an elongated globe fesswise, Air Force Blue, land area Silver-Gray, latitude and longitude lines Red, the line marking the equator extending to the border on either side. Approved on 5 Feb 1960 (K 11278); replaced emblems approved on 30 Jun 1959 (11042 A.C.) and 31 Dec 1943 (23725 A.C.).



389th Fighter Squadron

Constituted 389th Fighter Squadron (Single-Engine) on 24 May 1943. Activated on 1 Jun 1943. Redesignated 389th Fighter Squadron, Single-Engine, on 20 Aug 1943. Inactivated on 20 Aug 1946. Redesignated 389th Fighter-Bomber Squadron on 15 Nov 1952. Activated on 1 Jan 1953. Redesignated 389th Tactical Fighter Squadron on 1 Jul 1958. Inactivated on 1 Apr 1959. Activated on 30 Apr 1962. Organized on 8 May 1962. Redesignated 389th Tactical Fighter Training Squadron on 30 Sep 1979. Inactivated on 22 Jul 1991. Redesignated 389th Fighter Squadron on 1 Mar 1992. Activated on 11 Mar 1992.

Assignments

366th Fighter Group, 1 Jun 1943–20 Aug 1946. 366th Fighter-Bomber Group, 1 Jan 1953 (attached to Twelfth Air Force, 29 Sep–17 Nov 1954; 48th Fighter-Bomber Wing, 18 Nov 1954–28 Mar 1955; United States Air Forces in Europe, c. 20 Sep–c. 3 Oct 1956; 21st Fighter-Bomber Wing, 10 Jun 1957–); 366th Fighter-Bomber (later, 366th Tactical Fighter) Wing, 25 Sep 1957–1 Apr 1959 (remained attached to 21st Fighter-Bomber Wing to c. Oct 1957; 388th Fighter-Bomber Wing, c. Oct–9 Dec 1957; 49th Fighter-Bomber Wing, 10–22 Dec 1957). United States Air Forces in Europe, 30 Apr 1962; 366th Tactical Fighter Wing, 8 May 1962 (attached to Alaskan Air Command, 15 Sep–16 Dec 1965); 37th Tactical Fighter Wing, 15 Jun 1969; 12th Tactical Fighter Wing, 31 Mar 1970; 347th Tactical Fighter Wing, 15 Oct 1971; 366th Tactical Fighter Wing, 31 Oct 1972–22 Jul 1991. 366th Operations Group, 11 Mar 1992–.

Stations

Richmond AAB, VA, 1 Jun 1943; Bluethenthal, NC, 9 Aug 1943; Richmond AAB, VA, 6 Nov–17 Dec 1943; Membury, England, 12 Jan 1944; Thruxton, England, 29 Feb 1944; St. Pierre du Mont, France, 17 Jun 1943; Dreux, France, 24 Aug 1944; Laon/Couvron, France, 12 Sep 1944; Asch, Belgium, 20 Nov 1944; Munster/Handorf, Germany, 14 Apr 1945; Bayreuth/Bindlach, Germany, 28 Jun 1945; Fritzlar, Germany, 11 Sep 1945–20 Aug 1946. Alexandria (later, England) AFB, LA, 1 Jan 1953–1 Apr 1959 (deployed at Toul-Rosieres AB, France, 29 Sep–10 Dec 1954; Chaumont AB, France, 11 Dec 1954–28 Mar 1955; Aviano AB, Italy, 21 Sep–2 Oct 1956 and 10 Jun–22 Dec 1957). Chaumont AB, France, 8 May 1962–Jul 1963; Holloman AFB, NM, 12 Jul 1963–11 Mar 1966 (deployed at Elmendorf AFB, AK, 15 Sep–16 Dec 1965); Phan Rang AB, South Vietnam, 14 Mar 1966; Da Nang AB, South Vietnam, 10 Oct 1966; Phu Cat AB, South Vietnam, 25 Jun 1969–15 Oct 1971; Mountain Home AFB, ID, 15 Oct 1971–22 Jul 1991 (deployed at Taegu AB, South Korea, 16 Sep–5 Oct 1976). Mountain Home AFB, ID, 11 Mar 1992–.

Aircraft

P-47, 1943–1946. F-51, 1953; F-86, 1953–1955; F-84, 1955–1958; F-100, 1958. F-84, 1962–1965; F-100, 1963; F-4, 1965–1971; F-111, 1971–1991. F-16, 1992–.

Operations

Combat in ETO, 14 Mar 1943–3 May 1945. Combat in Southeast Asia, 14 Mar 1966–8 Oct 1971. Trained F-111 aircrews, 30 Sep 1979–26 Jun 1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater. Vietnam: Vietnam Air; Vietnam Air Offensive; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air/Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; TET 69/Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer-Fall 1969; Vietnam Winter-Spring 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon; Commando Hunt V; Commando Hunt VI.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: Normandy, 11 Jul 1944. Presidential Unit Citations (Vietnam): 23 Apr 1967–1 Aug 1967; 8 Feb–8 Apr 1971. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat “V” Device: 14 Mar–20 Jun 1966; [10 Oct] 1966–31 Mar 1967; 1 Apr 1967–31 Mar 1968; 1 Apr 1968–[24 Jun] 1969; [25 Jun] 1969–31 Mar 1970; 1 Apr 1970–[15] Oct 1971. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 3 Jun–22 Dec 1957; 17 Apr 1974–15 Apr 1976; 16 Apr 1976–27 Mar 1978; 18 Aug–16 Sep 1976; 1 Apr 1983–31 Mar 1985; 1 Mar 1989–28 Feb 1991. Cited in the Orders of the Day, Belgian Army: 6 Jun–30 Sep 1944; 1 Oct–17 Dec 1944; 18 Dec 1944–15 Jan 1945. Belgian Fourragere. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 1 Apr 1966–15 Oct 1971.

Emblem

Azure, a winged thunderbolt with stylized head and leg of a bird of prey descending bendwise sinister Gules, garnished Argent eyed of the like and flammant from nostril Or; grasping a bomb of the last, fin to base Sable; all within a diminished bordure of the last. Approved on 13 Feb 1945 (K 6714) and modified on 15 Sep 1993.



390th Fighter Squadron

Constituted 390th Fighter Squadron (Single-Engine) on 24 May 1943. Activated on 1 Jun 1943. Redesignated 390th Fighter Squadron, Single-Engine, on 20 Aug 1943. Inactivated on 20 Aug 1946. Redesignated 390th Fighter-Bomber Squadron on 15 Nov 1952. Activated on 1 Jan 1953. Redesignated 390th Tactical Fighter Squadron on 1 Jul 1958. Inactivated on 1 Apr 1959. Activated on 30 Apr 1962. Organized on 8 May 1962. Inactivated on 1 Oct 1982. Redesignated 390th Electronic Combat Squadron on 10 Dec 1982. Activated on 15 Dec 1982. Redesignated 390th Fighter Squadron on 11 Sep 1992.

Assignments

366th Fighter Group, 1 Jun 1943–20 Aug 1946. 366th Fighter-Bomber Group, 1 Jan 1953 (attached to 21st Fighter-Bomber Wing, 25 Dec 1955–c. 14 Jun 1956); 366th Fighter-Bomber (later, 366th Tactical Fighter) Wing, 25 Sep 1957–1 Apr 1959. United States Air Forces in Europe, 30 Apr 1962; 366th Tactical Fighter Wing, 8 May 1962; 6252d Tactical Fighter Wing, 29 Oct 1965; 35th Tactical Fighter Wing, 8 Apr 1966; 366th Tactical Fighter Wing, 10 Oct 1966; 347th Tactical Fighter Wing, 30 Jun 1972; 366th Tactical Fighter Wing, 31 Oct 1972–1 Oct 1982 (attached to Det 1, HQ, 366th Tactical Fighter Wing, 19 Aug–16 Sep 1976). 366th Tactical Fighter Wing, 15 Dec 1982; 366th Operations Group, 1 Mar 1992–.

Stations

Richmond AAB, VA, 1 Jun 1943; Bluethenthal Field, NC, 9 Aug 1943; Richmond AAB, VA 6 Nov–17 Dec 1943; Membury, England, 10 Jan 1944; Thruxton, England, 1 Mar 1944; St Pierre du Mont, France, 20 Jun 1944; Dreux, France, 25 Aug 1944; Laon/Couvron, France, 8 Sep 1944; Asch, Belgium, 26 Nov 1944; Munster/Handorf, Germany, 14 Apr 1945; Bayreuth/Bindlach, Germany, 28 Jun 1945; Fritzlar, Germany, 14 Sep 1945–20 Aug 1946. Alexandria (later, England) AFB, LA, 1 Jan 1953–1 Apr 1959 (deployed at Aviano, AB, Italy, 25 Dec 1955–c. 14 Jun 1956). Chambley AB, France, 8 May 1962–Jul 1963; Holloman AFB, NM, 12 Jul 1963–29 Oct 1965; Da Nang AB, South Vietnam, 29 Oct 1965–30 Jun 1972 (deployed at Clark AB, Philippines, 29 Oct–c. 17 Nov 1965); Mountain Home AFB, ID, 30 Jun 1972–1 Oct 1982 (deployed at Taegu AB, South Korea, 19 Aug–16 Sep 1976). Mountain Home AFB, ID, 15 Dec 1982–.

Aircraft

P-47, 1943–1946. F-51, 1953; F-86, 1953–1955; F-84, 1954–1958; F-100, 1957–1959. F-84, 1962–1965; F-4, 1965–1972; F-111, 1972–1982. EF-111, 1982–1992; F-15, 1992–.

Operations

Combat in ETO, 14 Mar 1944–3 May 1945. Combat in Southeast Asia, c. 18 Nov 1965–14 Jun 1972. Replacement training, 1 Jul 1974–c. 18 Aug 1976. Trained EF-111 aircrews in electronic countermeasures, 15 Dec 1982–4 Aug 1992. Jammed radar during the invasion of Panama, Dec 1989, and the war with Iraq, 17 Jan 1991–6 Mar 1991. Sent some aircraft and aircrews to Turkey and Saudi Arabia, 10 Jan–c. 11 Sep 1992.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy, Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater. Vietnam: Vietnam Defensive; Vietnam Air; Vietnam Air Offensive; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air/Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; TET 69/Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer-Fall, 1969; Vietnam Winter-Spring, 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon; Commando Hunt V; Commando Hunt VI; Commando Hunt VII; Vietnam Ceasefire. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Panama, 1989–1990.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: Normandy, 11 Jul 1944. Presidential Unit Citations (Southeast Asia): 23 Apr–1 Aug 1967; 1 Apr–26 Jun 1972. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat “V” Device: 1 May 1966–31 Mar 1967; 1 Apr 1967–31 Mar 1968; 1 Apr 1968–31 Jul 1969; 1 Aug 1969–1 Aug 1970; 2 Aug 1970–31 Mar 1972. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 May 1964–30 Apr 1966; 17 Apr 1974–15 Apr 1976; 16 Apr 1976–27 Mar 1978; 18 Aug–16 Sep 1976; 1 Apr 1983–31 Mar 1985; 1 Mar 1989–28 Feb 1991. Cited in the Orders of the Day, Belgian Army: 6 Jun–30 Sep 1944; 1 Oct–17 Dec 1944; 18 Dec 1944–25 Jan 1945. Belgian Fourragere. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 1 May 1966–30 Jun 1972.

Emblem

Celeste, a boar’s head issuant from dexter Sable, armed and garnished Argent, snout, pupil and mouth Gules; all within a diminished bordure Or. Approved on 6 Oct 1955 (K 9631) and modified on 18 Nov 1993 (DFSC 94–02418); replaced emblems approved on 10 Nov 1954 (151881 A.C.) and 19 Jun 1944 (46294 A.C.). *MOTTO*: WILD BOARS. Approved on 18 Nov 1993.



391st Fighter Squadron

Constituted 391st Fighter Squadron (Single-Engine) on 24 May 1943. Activated on 1 Jun 1943. Redesignated 391st Fighter Squadron, Single-Engine, on 20 Aug 1943. Inactivated on 20 Aug 1946. Redesignated 391st Fighter-Bomber Squadron on 15 Nov 1952. Activated on 1 Jan 1953. Redesignated 391st Tactical Fighter Squadron on 1 Jul 1958. Inactivated on 1 Apr 1959. Activated on 30 Apr 1962. Organized on 8 May 1962. Inactivated on 28 Feb 1971. Activated on 1 Jul 1971. Inactivated on 1 Jul 1990. Redesignated 391st Fighter Squadron on 1 Mar 1992. Activated on 11 Mar 1992.

Assignments

366th Fighter Group, 1 Jun 1943–20 Aug 1946. 366th Fighter-Bomber Group, 1 Jan 1953; 366th Fighter-Bomber (later, 366th Tactical Fighter) Wing, 25 Sep 1957–1 Apr 1959 (attached to 21st Fighter-Bomber Wing, 6 Dec 1956–11 Jun 1957). United States Air Forces in Europe, 30 Apr 1962; 366th Tactical Fighter Wing, 8 May 1962; 2d Air Division, 26 Jan 1966 (attached to 12th Tactical Fighter Wing, 26 Jan 1966–); Seventh Air Force, 1 Apr 1966 (remained attached to 12th Tactical Fighter Wing through 22 Jun 1966); 12th Tactical Fighter Wing, 23 Jun 1966; 475th Tactical Fighter Wing, 22 Jul 1968–28 Feb 1971. 347th Tactical Fighter Wing, 1 Jul 1971; 366th Tactical Fighter Wing, 31 Oct 1972–1 Jul 1990. 366th Operations Group, 11 Mar 1992–.

Stations

Richmond AAB, VA, 1 Jun 1943; Bluethenthal Field, NC, 9 Aug 1943; Richmond AAB, VA, 6 Nov–17 Dec 1943; Membury England, 12 Jan 1944; Thruxton, England, 2 Mar 1944; St Pierre du Mont, France, 17 Jun 1944; Dreux, France, 24 Aug 1944; Laon/Couvron, France, 7 Sep 1944; Asch, Belgium, 26 Nov 1944; Munster/Handorf, Germany, 21 Apr 1945; Bayreuth/Bindlach, Germany, c. 25 Jun 1945; Fritzlar, Germany, 11 Sep 1945–20 Aug 1946. Alexandria (later England) AFB, LA, 1 Jan 1953–1 Apr 1959 (deployed at Aviano AB, Italy, 6 Dec 1956–11 Jun 1957). Etain, France, 8 May 1962–Jul 1963; Holloman AFB, NM, 12 Jul 1963–26 Jan 1966; Cam Ranh Bay AB, South Vietnam, 29 Jan 1966; Misawa AB, Japan, 22 Jul 1968–28 Feb 1971 (deployed at Taegu AB, South Korea, 22 Jul–7 Oct 1968, 7 Feb–5 Mar 1969, 1 May–2 Jun 1969, 1–30 Aug 1969, 1–15 Feb 1970, and 15–29 Mar 1970; Kunsan AB, South Korea, 26 Apr–10 May 1970, 7–21 Jun 1970, 30 Aug–12 Sep 1970, 4–18 Oct 1970, 1–15 Nov 1970, 13–19 Dec 1970, and 1–15 Feb 1971). Mountain Home AFB, ID, 1 Jul 1971–1 Jul 1990. Mountain Home AFB, ID, 11 Mar 1992–.

Aircraft

P-47, 1943–1946. F-51, 1953; F-86, 1953–1955; F-84, 1954–1958; F-100, 1957–1959. F-84, 1962–1965; F-4, 1965–1971. F-111, 1971–1990. F-15E, 1992–.

Operations

Combat in ETO, 14 Mar 1944–3 May 1945. Combat in Southeast Asia, 2 Feb 1966–21 Jul 1968. Air defense in Korea and Japan, 22 Jul 1968–14 Feb 1971.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater. Vietnam: Vietnam Defensive; Vietnam Air; Vietnam Air Offensive; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air/Ground.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: Normandy, 11 Jul 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat “V” Device: 26 Jan–30 May 1966; 1 Jun 1966–31 May 1967; 1 Jun 1967–31 May 1968. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 17 Apr 1974–15 Apr 1976; 16 Apr 1976–27 Mar 1978; 18 Aug–16 Sep 1976; 1 Apr 1983–31 Mar 1985; 1 Mar 1989–[1 Jul 1990]. Cited in the Orders of the Day, Belgian Army: 6 Jun–30 Sep 1944; 1 Oct–17 Dec 1944; 18 Dec 1944–15 Jan 1945. Belgian Fourragere. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 1 Apr 1966–[22 Jul] 1968.

Emblem

Sable, a tiger face Proper eyed Azure; all within a diminished bordure Or. *MOTTO*: BOLD TIGERS. Approved on 8 Jun 1995; replaced emblems approved on 21 Mar 1978 and 24 Sep 1954.



393d Bomb Squadron

Constituted 393d Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, on 28 Feb 1944. Activated on 11 Mar 1944. Redesignated: 393d Bombardment Squadron, Medium, on 2 Jul 1948; 393d Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, on 2 Apr 1966; 393d Bombardment Squadron, Medium, on 1 Dec 1969. Inactivated on 30 Sep 1990. Redesignated 393d Bomb Squadron on 12 Mar 1993. Activated on 27 Aug 1993.

Assignments

504th Bombardment Group, 11 Mar 1944; Second Air Force, 25 Nov 1944; 509th Composite (later, 509th Bombardment) Group, 17 Dec 1944 (attached to 509th Bombardment Wing, 17 Nov 1947–14 Sep 1948 and 1 Feb 1951–15 Jun 1952); 509th Bombardment Wing, 16 Jun 1952–30 Sep 1990 (probably attached to Twentieth Air Force, 18 Jun–c. 18 Sep 1953). 509th Operations Group, 27 Aug 1993–.

Stations

Dalhart AAFld, TX, 11 Mar 1944; Fairmont AAFld, NE, 12 Mar 1944; Wendover Field, UT, 14 Sep 1944–26 Apr 1945; North Field, Tinian, 30 May–17 Oct 1945; Roswell AAFld (later, Walker AFB), NM, 6 Nov 1945 (deployed at Kwajalein, 1 May–Jul 1946; Mildenhall RAF, England, 4 Jun–2 Sep 1952; Andersen AFB, Guam, 18 Jun–c. 18 Sep 1953 and 10 Jul–8 Oct 1954; RAF Upper Heyford, England, 26 Jan–30 Apr 1956); Pease AFB, NH, 1 Jul 1958–30 Sep 1990. Whiteman AFB, MO, 27 Aug 1993–.

Aircraft

B–17, 1944; B–29, 1944–1952; B–50, 1949–1955; B–47, 1955–1965; B–52, 1966–1969; FB–111, 1970–1990.

Operations

Combat in Western Pacific, 1 Jul–14 Aug 1945. Only squadron trained for atomic warfare in World War II; dropped the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan, on 6 Aug 1945, and the second atomic bomb on Nagasaki, Japan, on 9 Aug 1945. Participated in atomic bomb tests on Bikini Atoll, Jul 1946, while deployed on Kwajalein. Rotated aircraft and crews to Andersen AFB, Guam, in support of Southeast Asia Operations, 1966–1969. Not operational, Nov 1969–Jun 1971.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaigns Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Japan; Eastern Mandates; Western Pacific.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: Apr–1 Oct 1968; 1 Jul 1977–30 Jun 1979; 1 Jul 1981–30 Jun 1982; 1 Jul 1982–30 Jun 1984; 1 Jul 1988–30 Jun 1990. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 5 Mar–14 Oct 1969.

Emblem

On a Green disc edged Air Force Yellow, a mushroom- shaped atomic cloud issuing from a blast, White; all surmounted by a snarling tiger's head in profile, proper (Air Force Yellow with Black stripes, White teeth, Red tongue and eyeball, Green iris and Black pupil); on the blast below the atomic cloud and tiger's head, an arrow of the second pointing to dexter, all outlines and details Black throughout. Approved on 15 Jul 1957 (K 7984); replaced emblem approved on 19 Dec 1944 (9925 A.C.).



400th Missile Squadron

Constituted 10th Reconnaissance Squadron (Heavy) on 28 Jan 1942. Activated on 15 Apr 1942. Redesignated: 400th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 22 Apr 1942; 400th Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, on 6 Mar 1944. Inactivated on 27 Jan 1946. Redesignated 400th Strategic Missile Squadron (ICBM-Minuteman), and activated, on 10 Dec 1963. Organized on 1 Jul 1964. Redesignated 400th Missile Squadron on 1 Sep 1991.

Assignments

90th Bombardment Group, 15 Apr 1942–27 Jan 1946. Strategic Air Command, 10 Dec 1963; 90th Strategic Missile Wing, 1 Jul 1964; 90th Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991–.

Stations

Key Field, MS, 15 Apr 1942; Barksdale Field, LA, 17 May 1942; Greenville AAB, SC, 21 Jun 1942; Ypsilanti, MI, 9–19 Aug 1942; Hickam Field, TH, 12 Sep 1942; Iron Range, Australia, c. 4 Nov 1942; Port Moresby, New Guinea, c. 22 Mar 1943; Dobodura, New Guinea, Dec 1943; Nadzab, New Guinea, 23 Feb 1944; Biak, c. 12 Aug 1944; San Jose, Mindoro, 26 Jan 1945; Ie Shima, c. 11 Aug 1945; Ft William McKinley, Luzon, 23 Nov 1945–27 Jan 1946. Francis E. Warren AFB, WY, 1 Jul 1964–.

Aircraft & Missiles

B–24, 1942–1945. Minuteman I, 1964–1974; Minuteman III, 1973–1988; Peacekeeper, 1986–.

Operations

Combat in Southwest and Western Pacific, 15 Nov 1942–24 Jul 1945. Strategic missile operations, 1964–.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Japan; China Defensive; Papua; Guadalcanal; New Guinea; Northern Solomons; Bismarck Archipelago; Western Pacific; Leyte; Luzon; Southern Philippines; China Offensive.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Papua, [16 Nov] 1942–23 Jan 1943; New Guinea, 13 and 15 Sep 1943. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1968–30 Jun 1969; 1 Jul 1973–30 Jun 1975; 1 Jul 1982–30 Jun 1984; 1 Jul 1986–30 Jun 1988; 1 Jul 1988–30 Jun 1989; 1 Aug 1991–31 Jul 1993. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII).

Emblem

Azure flames issuant from base proper below a bomb in sinister chief descending bendwise sinister Or garnished Gules and ten rays issuant throughout from dexter chief of the like surmounted by a cloud fesswise issuing from dexter Argent; all within a diminished bordure Vert. Approved on 17 Oct 1994 (DFSC 95–00355); replaced emblems approved on 25 Feb 1966 (KE 19046) and 10 Apr 1943 (9933 A.C.).



410th Flight Test Squadron

Designated 6510th Test Squadron, and activated, on 10 Mar 1989. Redesignated: 410th Test Squadron on 2 Oct 1992; 410th Flight Test Squadron on 1 Mar 1994.

Assignments

6510th (later, 412th Test) Wing, 10 Mar 1989; 412th Operations Group, 1 Oct 1993–.

Stations

Edwards AFB, CA, 10 Mar 1989; Palmdale AF Plant, Palmdale, CA, 31 May 1993–.

Aircraft

B–1, 1989–.

Operations

Flight testing of the B–1B, 1989–present.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

None.

Emblem

Bendy sinister wavy Argent and Gules the cypher X bendwise in base Or garnished Azure between four piles diminished in point bendwise of the like, a canton bendwise sinister of the fourth semé of eleven mullets White, all within a diminished bordure Yellow. Approved on 9 Aug 1990 (DFSC 91–02998).



411th Flight Test Squadron

Designated as the 6511th Test Squadron, and activated, on 10 Mar 1989. Redesignated: 411th Test Squadron on 2 Oct 1992; 411th Flight Test Squadron on 1 Mar 1994.

Assignments

6510th (later, 412th Test) Wing, 10 Mar 1989; 412th Operations Group, 1 Oct 1993–.

Stations

Edwards AFB, CA, 10 Mar 1989–.

Aircraft

YF–22, 1989–; YF–23, 1989–1991.

Operations

Performed flight testing and evaluation to select the Air Force’s advanced tactical fighter of the future.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

None.

Emblem

Azure, issued from base, a wizard face of the like, eyes Gules, eyebrows, robe, and cap Sable, the robe charged with five mullets and the cap semy of six mullets Argent. Overall, a crystal ball of the last emitting to dexter two lightning flashes bendwise Or. To sinister, a fusil of the second trailing an arced contrail bendwise sinister Yellow inflamed Red; all within a diminished bordure of the first. *MOTTO*: ASSESSING THE FUTURE. Approved on 2 Mar 1990 (DFSC 91–00140).



412th Flight Test Squadron

Constituted 412th Flight Test Squadron on 22 Dec 1993. Activated on 1 Jan 1994.

Assignments

412th Operations Group, 1 Jan 1994–.

Stations

Edwards AFB, CA, 1 Jan 1994–.

Aircraft

Not available.

Operations

Not available.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

None.

Emblem

Azure a mullet in base Argent pierced Gules supporting a pair of wings elevated Or. *MOTTO*: SPECKLED TROUT. Approved on 23 Oct 1995.



413th Flight Test Squadron

Constituted 23d Reconnaissance Squadron (Heavy) on 28 Jan 1942. Redesignated 413th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 22 Apr 1942. Activated on 15 Jul 1942. Redesignated 413th Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, on 20 Aug 1943. Inactivated on 19 Dec 1945. Redesignated 413th Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, on 3 Jul 1947. Activated in the Reserve on 17 Jul 1947. Inactivated on 27 Jun 1949. Redesignated 413th Bombardment Squadron, Medium, on 20 Aug 1958. Activated on 1 Nov 1958. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 1 Jan 1962. Consolidated (1 Oct 1992) with the 6513th Test Squadron, which was designated, and activated, on 1 Dec 1977. Redesignated: 413th Test Squadron on 2 Oct 1992; 413th Flight Test Squadron on 1 Mar 1994.

Assignments

96th Bombardment Group, 15 Jul 1942–19 Dec 1945. 96th Bombardment Group, 17 Jul 1947–27 Jun 1949. 96th Bombardment Wing, 1 Nov 1958–1 Jan 1962. Air Force Flight Test Center, 1 Dec 1977; 6510th (later, 412th) Test Wing, 1 Mar 1978; 412th Operations Group, 1 Oct 1993–.

Stations

Salt Lake City, AAB, UT, 15 Jul 1942; Gowen Field, ID, 6 Aug 1942; Walla Walla, WA, 16 Aug 1942; Rapid City AAB, SD, 29 Sep 1942; Pocatello, ID, 1 Nov 1942; Pyote AAB, TX, 3 Jan–16 Apr 1943; Great Saling, England, 12 May 1943; Snetterton Heath, England, 12 Jun 1943–11 Dec 1945; Camp Kilmer, NJ, 17–19 Dec 1945. Keesler Field (later, AFB), MS, 17 Jul 1947–27 Jun 1949. Dyess AFB, TX, 1 Nov 1958–1 Jan 1962. Edwards AFB, CA, 1 Dec 1977–.

Aircraft

B–17, 1942–1945. Unkn, 1947–1949. B–47, 1958–1961.

Operations

Combat in ETO, 13 May 1943–21 Apr 1945.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Germany, 17 Aug 1943; Poznan, Poland, 9 Apr 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jan 1959–31 Dec 1960; 1 Jan 1983–31 Dec 1984.

Emblem

On a disc Light Red-Orange, ringed Black, a stylized Black cat, hunched up in fighting stance and riding an aerial bomb, point toward dexter base of the last. Approved on 1 Sep 1942 (10039 A.C.).



414th Combat Training Squadron

Constituted 414th Night Fighter Squadron on 21 Jan 1943. Activated on 26 Jan 1943. Inactivated on 1 Sep 1947. Redesignated 414th Fighter Weapons Squadron on 22 Aug 1969. Activated on 15 Oct 1969. Inactivated on 30 Dec 1981. Redesignated 414th Composite Training Squadron, and activated, on 1 Nov 1991. Redesignated: 414th Training Squadron on 15 Jan 1993; 414th Combat Training Squadron on 1 Jul 1994.

Assignments

AAF School of Applied Tactics, 26 Jan 1943 (air echelon attached to VIII Fighter Command, 31 Mar–2 Jul 1943); Twelfth Air Force, 10 May 1943 (attached to Northwest African Coastal Air Force, 11–29 May 1943); 2d Air Defense (later, 63d Fighter) Wing, 29 May 1943; 62d Fighter Wing, 21 Sep 1944 (detachment attached to 422d Night Fighter Squadron, 27 Jan–23 Apr 1945); XXII Tactical Air Command, 1 Apr 1945; Twelfth Air Force, 7 Jun 1945; Fourth Air Force, 26 Aug 1945; Air Defense Command, 21 Mar 1946; Tactical Air Command, 31 Jul 1946; Third Air Force, 1 Oct 1946; Ninth Air Force, 1 Nov 1946; 6th Fighter Wing, 24 Mar–1 Sep 1947. 57th Fighter Weapons (later, 57th Tactical Training; 57th Fighter Weapons) Wing, 15 Oct 1969–30 Dec 1981. 57th Operations Group, 1 Nov 1991–.

Stations

Orlando AB, FL, 26 Jan 1943; Kissimmee AAFld, FL, 8 Feb–21 Apr 1943 (air echelon in England, 31 Mar–16 Jul 1943); La Senia, Algeria, 10 May 1943; Rerhaia, Algeria, c. 11 Jun 1943 (detachment operated from Protville, Tunisia, 23–29 Jul 1943); Elmas, Sardinia, c. 11 Nov 1943 (detachments operated from Ghisonaccia, Corsica, 9 Jan–4 Feb 1944 and 20 Mar–Jul 1944; Borgo, Corsica, 5 Feb–Jul 1944; Alghero, Sardinia, 11 May–22 Jun 1944); Alghero, Sardinia, 22 Jun 1944; Borgo, Corsica, 5 Sep 1944; Pisa, Italy, 13 Oct 1944; Pontedera, Italy, c. 25 Nov 1944 (detachment operated from Florennes, Belgium, 27 Jan–c. 3 Apr 1945; Strossfeld, Germany, c. 3–23 Apr 1945); Bagnoli, Italy, c. 15 Jul–7 Aug 1945; Lemoore AAFld, CA, 26 Aug 1945; Camp Pinedale, CA, 19 Oct 1945; March Field, CA, 8 Mar 1946; Shaw Field, SC, 15 Aug 1946–16 Mar 1947; Rio Hato, Panama, 24 Mar–1 Sep 1947. Nellis AFB, NV, 15 Oct 1969–30 Dec 1981. Nellis AFB, NV, 1 Nov 1991–.

Aircraft

A–20, 1943; P–70, 1943; Beaufighter, 1943–1945; P–38, 1945; P–51, 1945, 1946–1947; P–61, 1945, 1946–1947. F–4, 1969–1981. F–16, 1991–.

Operations

Combat in MTO and ETO, 24 Jul 1943–29 Apr 1945. Not operational, Jun 1945–Aug 1946. Combat crew training, Oct 1969–Dec 1981. Conducted Red Flag exercises, Nov 1991–.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Rome-Arno; Southern France; North Apennines; Rhineland; Central Europe; Po Valley; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: MTO, 23–24 Jan 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 25 Oct 1969–25 Sep 1971; 1 Jul 1974–30 Jun 1976.

Emblem

On a Blue disc a Yellow and Black checkered band bendwise surmounted by a Gray shield charged with a Yellow and Black bullseye with Black ring sight markings; descending to the center of the bullseye a Red projectile bend sinisterwise trailing five Black vapor trails. Approved on 22 Oct 1980 (KE 71700).



416th Flight Test Squadron

Constituted 26th Reconnaissance Squadron (Heavy) on 28 Jan 1942. Redesignated 416th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 22 Apr 1942. Activated on 1 Jun 1942. Redesignated 416th Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, on 20 Aug 1943. Inactivated on 8 Nov 1945. Redesignated 416th Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, on 3 Jul 1947. Activated in the Reserve on 17 Jul 1947. Inactivated on 27 Jun 1949. Consolidated (1 Oct 1992) with 6516th Test Squadron which was designated, and activated, on 10 Mar 1989. Redesignated: 416th Test Squadron on 2 Oct 1992; 416th Flight Test Squadron on 1 Mar 1994.

Assignments

99th Bombardment Group, 1 Jun 1942–8 Nov 1945. 99th Bombardment Group, 17 Jul 1947–27 Jun 1949. 6510th (later, 412th) Test Wing, 10 Mar 1989; 412th Operations Group, 1 Oct 1993–.

Stations

MacDill Field, FL, 1 Jun 1942; Pendleton Field, OR, 29 Jun 1942; Gowen Field, ID, 28 Aug 1942; Walla Walla, WA, 30 Sep 1942; Sioux City AAB, IA, 17 Nov 1942–3 Jan 1943; Navarin, Algeria, 25 Mar 1943; Oudna, Tunisia, 5 Aug 1943; Tortorella Afd, Italy, 14 Dec 1943; Marcianise, Italy, c. 27 Oct–8 Nov 1945. Robins AAFld (later, AFB), GA, 17 Jul 1947–27 Jun 1949. Edwards AFB, CA, 10 Mar 1989–.

Aircraft

B–17, 1942–1945. Unkn, 1947–1949. F–16, 1989–.

Operations

Combat in MTO and ETO 31 Mar 1943–26 Apr 1945. Flight testing of the F–16, 1989–present.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

Air Offensive, Europe; Tunisia; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Anzio; Rome-Arno; Normandy; Northern France; Southern France; North Apennines; Rhineland; Central Europe; Po Valley; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Sicily, 5 Jul 1943; Austria, 23 Apr 1944.

Emblem

Celeste, on a pile bendwise sinister Azure two mullets of four in pale Argent, issuant from base a mound and issuant from dexter chief a contrail arcing to base in perspective and an additional arc in dexter base Or, overall an eagle stooping in silhouette Sable all within a diminished bordure of the last.

Approved on 10 Oct 1995; replaced emblems approved on 24 May 1990 (DFSC 91–0302) and 11 Jan 1943 (10043 A.C.).



418th Flight Test Squadron

Constituted 28th Reconnaissance Squadron (Heavy) on 28 Jan 1942. Redesignated 418th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 22 Apr 1942. Activated on 1 Jun 1942. Redesignated 418th Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, on 20 Aug 1943. Inactivated on 19 Dec 1945. Redesignated 418th Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, on 13 May 1947. Activated in the Reserve on 29 May 1947. Inactivated on 27 Jun 1949. Redesignated 418th Bombardment Squadron, Medium, on 1 Dec 1958. Activated on 1 Mar 1959. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 1 Jan 1962. Consolidated (1 Oct 1992) with the 6518th Test Squadron, which was designated, and activated, on 10 Mar 1989. Redesignated: 418th Test Squadron on 2 Oct 1992; 418th Flight Test Squadron on 1 Mar 1994.

Assignments

100th Bombardment Group, 1 Jun 1942–19 Dec 1945. 100th Bombardment Group, 29 May 1947–27 Jun 1949. 100th Bombardment Wing, 1 Mar 1959–1 Jan 1962. 6510th (later, 412th) Test Wing, 10 Mar 1989; 412th Operations Group, 1 Oct 1993–.

Stations

Orlando AB, FL, 1 Jun 1942; Barksdale Field, LA, 18 Jun 1942; Pendleton Field, OR, 26 Jun 1942; Gowen Field, ID, 28 Aug 1942; Walla Walla, WA, 31 Oct 1942; Wendover Field, UT, 30 Nov 1942; Sioux City AAB, IA, 6 Jan 1943; Kearney AAFld, NE, 4 Feb–1 May 1943; Thorpe Abbots, England, 2 Jun 1943–11 Dec 1945; Camp Kilmer, NJ, 17–19 Dec 1945. Miami AAFld, FL, 29 May 1947–27 Jun 1949. Pease AFB, NH, 1 Mar 1959–1 Jan 1962. Edwards AFB, CA, 10 Mar 1989–.

Aircraft

B–17, 1942–1945. Unkn, 1947–1949. B–47, 1959–1961. MC–130 and AC–130, 1989–.

Operations

Combat in ETO, 25 Jun 1943–20 Apr 1945. Strategic bombardment operations, Mar 1959–Oct 1961. Tested the MC–130H and AC–130U, 1989–present.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Germany, 17 Aug 1943; Berlin, Germany, 4, 6, 8 Mar 1944. French Croix de Guerre with Palm: 25 Jun–31 Dec 1944.

Emblem

Azure, an orle Or overall and throughout the cipher “X” of the like surmounted by a triangle Gules upper point bendwise and bebruised by a Bengal tiger head erased close proper, all within a diminished bordure Yellow. Approved on 19 May 1994; replaced emblems approved on 9 Jun 1961 (K 12506) and 4 Oct 1943 (10043 A.C.).



419th Flight Test Squadron

Constituted 29th Reconnaissance Squadron (Heavy) on 28 Jan 1942. Activated on 3 Feb 1942. Redesignated: 419th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 22 Apr 1942; 419th Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, c. 6 Mar 1944; 419th Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, on 5 Aug 1945. Inactivated on 15 Oct 1945. Redesignated 419th Bombardment Squadron, Medium, on 20 Aug 1958. Activated on 1 Dec 1958. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 1 Jan 1962. Consolidated (1 Oct 1992) with the 6519th Test Squadron, which was designated, and activated, on 10 Mar 1989. Redesignated: 419th Test Squadron on 2 Oct 1992; 419th Flight Test Squadron on 1 Mar 1994.

Assignments

301st Bombardment Group, 3 Feb 1942–15 Oct 1945. 301st Bombardment Wing, 1 Dec 1958–1 Jan 1962. 6510th (later, 412th) Test Wing, 10 Mar 1989; 412th Operations Group, 1 Oct 1993–.

Stations

Geiger Field, WA, 3 Feb 1942; Alamogordo, NM, 28 May 1942 (operated from Muroc, CA, c. 28 May–14 Jun 1942); Richard E. Byrd Field, VA, 21 Jun–19 Jul 1942; Chelveston, England, 19 Aug 1942; Tafaraoui, Algeria, 24 Nov 1942; Biskra, Algeria, 21 Dec 1942; Ain M'lila, Algeria, 16 Jan 1943; St-Donat, Algeria, 8 Mar 1943; Oudna, Tunisia, 6 Aug 1943; Cerignola, Italy, 10 Dec 1943; Lucera, Italy, 2 Feb 1944–Jul 1945; Sioux Falls AAFld, SD, 28 Jul 1945; Mountain Home AAFld, ID, 17 Aug 1945; Pyote AAFld, TX, 23 Aug–15 Oct 1945. Lockbourne AFB, OH, 1 Dec 1958–1 Jan 1962. Edwards AFB, CA, 10 Mar 1989–.

Aircraft

B–17, 1942–1945. B–47, 1958–1961; E–47, 1961. B–52, 1989–

Operations

Antisubmarine patrols off California coast, late May–early Jun 1942. Combat in ETO and MTO, 5 Sep 1942–c. 26 Apr 1945. Electronic countermeasures, 1958–1961. Tested advanced cruise missile on the B–1B, B–52, F–15, F–16, and A–6 aircraft, 1989–present.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater; Air Offensive, Europe; Egypt-Libya; Tunisia; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Anzio; Rome-Arno; Normandy; Northern France; Southern France; North Apennines; Rhineland; Central Europe; Po Valley; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Tunisia, 6 Apr 1943; Germany, 25 Feb 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award: 1 Jan 1961–1 Jan 1962.

Emblem

Azure, a rondel celeste fimbriated Sable, charged with a bezant of the like. Overall, a saltire couped Argent superimposed in base by a scorpion Gules; all within a diminished bordure Black. *MOTTO*: SILENT STING. Approved on 21 Feb 1990 (DFSC 91–00113); replaced emblem approved on 11 Aug 1961 (K 12679).



420th Flight Test Squadron

Constituted 420th Night Fighter Squadron on 25 May 1943. Activated on 1 Jun 1943. Disbanded on 31 Mar 1944. Reconstituted, and consolidated (19 Sep 1985) with the 420th Air Refueling Squadron, Fighter-Bomber, which was constituted on 8 Dec 1953. Activated on 18 Mar 1954. Redesignated 420th Air Refueling Squadron, Tactical, on 8 Aug 1958. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 25 Mar 1964. Consolidated (1 Oct 1992) with the 6520th Test Squadron, which was designated, and activated, on 10 Mar 1989. Redesignated: 420th Test Squadron on 2 Oct 1992; 420th Flight Test Squadron on 1 Mar 1994.

Assignments

Air Defense Department, AAF School of Applied Tactics, 1 Jun 1943 (attached to 481st Night Fighter Operational Training Group, 17–25 Jul 1943); 481st Night Fighter Operational Training Group, 26 Jul 1943–31 Mar 1944. Ninth Air Force, 18 Mar 1954 (attached to 366th Fighter-Bomber Wing, 18 Mar 1954–22 Sep 1955); Third Air Force, 9 Oct 1955 (attached to 47th Bombardment Wing, 15 Mar 1960–1 Jul 1961); Seventeenth Air Force, 1 Jul 1961 (attached to 47th Bombardment Wing, 1 Jul–7 Nov 1961); 47th Bombardment Wing, 8 Nov 1961; Seventeenth Air Force, 22 Jun 1962 (attached to 7375th Combat Support Group, unkn–30 Sep 1962); 7375th Combat Support Group, 1 Oct 1962–25 Mar 1964. 6510th (later, 412th) Test Group, 10 Mar 1989–.

Stations

Orlando AB, FL, 1 Jun 1943; Kissimmee, AAFld, FL, 1 Jun 1943; Dunnellon AAFld, FL, 20 Aug 1943; Hammer Field, CA, 18 Jan–31 Mar 1944. Alexandria (later, England) AFB, LA, 18 Mar 1954–22 Sep 1955; Sculthorpe RAF Station (later, RAF Sculthorpe), England, 9 Oct 1955–25 Mar 1964. Edwards AFB, CA, 10 Mar 1989–.

Aircraft

In addition to AT–11, A–20, and P–70 during 1943–1944, and P/YP–61, 1944, included BT–13 and C–78, 1943–1944. KB–29, 1954–1959; KB–50, 1956–1964. B–2 testing, 1989–present.

Operations

Replacement training unit, Jun 1943–Mar 1944. Air refueling, Mar 1953–Mar 1964. Testing and evaluation of B–2, 1989–present.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

None.

Emblem

Sable above a demi globe issuant from base of the like gridlined Azure a pair of falcon feet displayed Or talons Argent surmounted in sinister by a mullet of four of the last below a pair of eyes affronty Gules, pupils Black, all within a diminished bordure Red. Replaced emblems approved on 20 Sep 1955 (153318 A.C.) and 13 Apr 1944 (27299 A.C.).



421st Fighter Squadron

Constituted 421st Night Fighter Squadron on 30 Apr 1943. Activated on 1 May 1943. Inactivated on 20 Feb 1947. Redesignated 421st Tactical Fighter Squadron, and activated, on 13 Apr 1962. Organized on 8 Jul 1962. Redesignated 421st Fighter Squadron on 1 Nov 1991.

Assignments

Air Defense Department, AAF School of Applied Tactics, 1 May 1943 (attached to 481st Night Fighter Operational Training Group, 17 Jul–7 Nov 1943); Fifth Air Force, 23 Dec 1943; V Fighter Command, 29 Dec 1943 (apparently attached to other organizations for operations); 86th Fighter Wing, c. 1 Feb 1945; V Fighter Command, Apr 1945; 315th Composite Wing, 31 May 1946–20 Feb 1947. Tactical Air Command, 13 Apr 1962; 355th Tactical Fighter Wing, 8 Jul 1962; 835th Air Division, 8 Nov 1965; 6234th Tactical Fighter Wing, 20 Nov 1965; 388th Tactical Fighter Wing, 8 Apr 1966; 15th Tactical Fighter Wing, 25 Apr 1967; 4531st Tactical Fighter Wing, 1 Jul 1967; 23d Tactical Fighter Wing, 14 Dec 1967; 366th Tactical Fighter Wing, 16 Apr 1969; 432d Tactical Reconnaissance (later, 432d Tactical Fighter) Wing, 31 Oct 1972; 388th Tactical Fighter (later, 388th Fighter) Wing, 23 Dec 1975 (attached to 388th Tactical Fighter Wing [Deployed], [later, 388th Tactical Fighter Wing (Prov)], 28 Aug 1990–27 Mar 1991); 388th Operations Group, 1 Dec 1991–.

Stations

Orlando, FL, 1 May 1943; Kissimmee AAFld, FL, 4 Oct–7 Nov 1943; Milne Bay, New Guinea, 4 Jan 1944; Nadzab, New Guinea, c. 1 Feb 1944 (detachment operated from Wakde, 28 May–21 Sep 1944); Owi, Schouten Islands, 28 Jun 1944; Tacloban, Leyte, 25 Oct 1944; San Marcelino, Luzon, 8 Feb 1945 (detachment operated from Tacloban, Leyte, 9 Feb–23 Mar 1945); Clark Field, Luzon, 26 Apr 1945; Ie Shima, 24 Jul 1945; Itazuke, Japan, 25 Nov 1945–20 Feb 1947. George AFB, CA, 8 Jul 1962; McConnell AFB, KS, 21 Jul 1964–Nov 1965 (deployed at Incirlik AB, Turkey, 18 Sep–19 Nov 1964; Kadena AB, Okinawa, 7 Apr–27 Aug 1965); Korat RTAFB, Thailand, 20 Nov 1965–25 Apr 1967; MacDill AFB, FL, 25 Apr 1967; Homestead AFB, FL, 1 Jul 1967; McConnell AFB, KS, 14 Dec 1967–16 Apr 1969; Da Nang AB, South Vietnam, 16 Apr 1969 (deployed at Kunsan AB, South Korea, 23 Apr–26 Jun 1969); Takhli RTAFB, Thailand, 27 Jun 1972; Udorn RTAFB, Thailand, 31 Oct 1972; Clark AB, Philippines, 13–23 Dec 1975; Hill AFB, UT, 23 Dec 1975– (deployed at Central AB, Al Minhad, United Arab Emirates, 28 Aug 1990–27 Mar 1991).

Aircraft

P–70, 1943–1944; P–38, 1944–1946; P–61, 1944–1947. F–105, 1963–1967; F–4, 1969–1975, 1976–1980; F–16, 1980–.

Operations

Combat in Southwest and Western Pacific, 29 Feb 1944–14 Aug 1945. Not manned, 8 Jul 1962–5 Mar 1963, 25 Apr 1967–16 Apr 1969, and 13 Dec 1975–1 Dec 1976. Combat in Southeast Asia, c. 28 Nov 1965–24 Apr 1967 and 27 Jun 1969–15 Aug 1973. Combat air cover for the evacuations of Phnom Penh, Cambodia, and Saigon, Vietnam, Apr 1975. Air cover during the recovery of the *SS Mayaguez* and its crew, May 1975. Combat in Southwest Asia, Jan–Feb 1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Japan; New Guinea; Bismarck Archipelago; Western Pacific; Leyte; Luzon; Southern Philippines. Vietnam: Vietnam Defensive; Vietnam Air; Vietnam Air Offensive; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Summer-Fall, 1969; Vietnam Winter-Spring, 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon; Commando Hunt V; Commando Hunt VI; Commando Hunt VII; Vietnam Ceasefire. Southwest Asia: Defense Of Saudi Arabia; Liberation And Defense Of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Presidential Unit Citation: (Southeast Asia): 20 Nov 1965–8 Apr 1966; 10 Mar–24 Apr 1967; 1 Apr–26 Jun 1972. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards With Combat “V” Device: 29 Jun–30 Jun 1966; 1 Jul 1966–[24 Apr] 1967; [16 Apr]–31 Jul 1969; 1 Aug 1969–1 Aug 1970; 2 Aug 1970–31 Mar 1972; 18 Dec 1972–27 Jan 1973. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 8 Apr 1966–28 Jan 1973. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII).

Emblem

Or a Black widow spider displayed proper, all within a diminished bordure Sable. *MOTTO*: BLACK WIDOWS. Approved on 27 Oct 1977 (KE 64155); replaced emblems approved on 30 Oct 1964 (K 15912) and 13 Dec 1943 (26590 A.C.).



422d Test & Evaluation Squadron

Constituted 422d Night Fighter Squadron on 14 Jul 1943. Activated on 1 Aug 1943. Inactivated on 30 Sep 1945. Redesignated 422d Fighter Weapons Squadron on 22 Aug 1969. Activated on 15 Oct 1969. Redesignated 422d Test and Evaluation Squadron on 30 Dec 1981.

Assignments

Air Defense Department, AAF School of Applied Tactics, 1 Aug 1943; 481st Night Fighter Operational Training Group, 29 Oct 1943; AAF Tactical Center, 6 Jan 1943; Ninth Air Force, 7 Mar 1944; IX Tactical Air Command, 12 Mar 1944; 71st Fighter Wing, 4 May 1944; IX Air Defense Command, 6 Aug 1944; IX Tactical Air Command, 7 Oct 1944–30 Sep 1945. 57th Fighter Weapons (later, 57th Tactical Training; 57th Fighter Weapons; 57th Fighter) Wing, 15 Oct 1969; 57th Test Group, 1 Nov 1991–.

Stations

Orlando AB, FL, 1 Aug 1943; Kissimmee AAFld, FL, 3 Nov 1943; Orlando AB, FL, 6 Jan–13 Feb 1944; Charny Down, England, 7 Mar 1944; Scorton, England, 6 May 1944 (detachments operated from Hurn, England, 28 Jun–11 Jul 1944, and Ford, England, 16–c. 26 Jul 1944); Maupertus, France, 25 Jul 1944; Chateaudun, France, 28 Aug 1944; Florennes, Belgium, 16 Sep 1944; Strassfeld, Germany, 6 Apr 1945; Langensalza, Germany, 24 Apr 1945; Kassel/Rothwesten, Germany, 26 May–Aug 1945; France, Aug–20 Sep 1945; Camp Myles Standish, MA, 29–30 Sep 1945. Nellis AFB, NV, 15 Oct 1969–.

Aircraft

DB–7, 1943; P–70, 1943; YP–61, 1943; P–61, 1944–1945; L–6, 1944; Oxford, 1944; C–78, 1944; A–20, 1944–1945.

Operations

Combat in ETO, 3 Jul 1944–4 May 1945. Apparently conducted operational testing and evaluation of aircraft weapons systems, including F–111, F–4, A–10, F–15, and F–16, 1969–.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: Ardennes Salient, 16/17 and 27/28 Dec 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 25 Oct 1969–25 Sep 1971; 1 Jul 1984–31 May 1986; 1 Jan 1987–31 Dec 1988; 1 Jan 1989–31 Dec 1990.

Emblem

Over and through a Golden Orange disc, wide border Black, charged with eight stars of the first, arranged four, two, and two, a Green caricatured bat in flight, with a look of ferocity on his face, wearing Gray aviator's goggles, holding in the right hand a Gray automatic revolver with smoke issuing from the barrel, and a dagger with White blade, point Red, emitting one drop of blood, held in the left hand. Approved on 29 Dec 1943 (27300 A.C.).



425th Fighter Squadron

Constituted 425th Night Fighter Squadron on 23 Nov 1943. Activated on 1 Dec 1943. Inactivated on 25 Aug 1947. Redesignated 425th Tactical Fighter Training Squadron on 22 Aug 1969. Activated on 15 Oct 1969. Inactivated on 1 Sep 1989. Redesignated 425th Fighter Squadron on 1 Dec 1992. Activated on 30 Dec 1992.

Assignments

481st Night Fighter Operational Training Group, 1 Dec 1943; Ninth Air Force, 23 May 1944; IX Air Defense Command, 10 Jun 1944; 471st Fighter Wing, 20 Jun 1944; IX Air Defense Command, 6 Aug 1944; XIX Tactical Air Command, 7 Oct 1944; Ninth Air Force, 7 Jul 1945; Fourth Air Force, 9 Sep 1945; Air Defense Command, 21 Mar 1946; Fourth Air Force, 31 Jul 1946–25 Aug 1947. 58th Tactical Fighter Training (later, 58th Tactical Training) Wing, 15 Oct 1969; 405th Tactical Training Wing, 29 Aug 1979–1 Sep 1989. 58th Operations Group, 30 Dec 1992; 56th Operations Group, 1 Apr 1994–.

Stations

Orlando AB, FL, 1 Dec 1943; Hammer Field, CA, 30 Jan 1944; Visalia Muni Aprt, CA, 25 Feb–1 May 1944; Chormy Down, England, 26 May 1944; Scorton, England, 12 Jun 1944; Stoneman Park, England, 12 Aug 1944; Vannes, France, 18 Aug 1944; Le Moustoiris, France, 1 Sep 1944; Coulommiers, France, 11 Sep 1944; Prosnes, France, 13 Oct 1944; Etain, France, 9 Nov 1944; Frankfurt, Germany, 12 Apr 1945; Furth, Germany, 2 May 1945; Crepy-en-Laommmis, France, 5 Jul 1945; St Victoret, France, 18–24 Aug 1945; Lemoore AAFld, CA, 9 Sep 1945; Camp Pinedale, CA, 23 Oct 1945; March Field, CA, 8 Mar 1946; McChord Field, WA, 1 Sep 1946–25 Aug 1947. Williams AFB, AZ, 15 Oct 1969–1 Sep 1989. Luke AFB, AZ, 30 Dec 1992–.

Aircraft

YP–61, 1944; A–20, 1944; P–70, 1944; P–61, 1944–1946, 1946–1947. F–5, 1969–1989. F–16, 1993–.

Operations

Combat in the ETO, Jul 1944–8 May 1945. Air defense, Sep 1945–Aug 1947. Trained international personnel in the F–5, Oct 1969–Aug 1989, and in the F–16, c. Jan 1993–.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 15 Oct–31 Dec 1969; 1 Jan 1971–31 Dec 1972; 1 Jan 1975–31 Dec 1976; 1 Jan 1978–31 Dec 1979; 1 Aug 1982–31 May 1984. Citation in the Order of the Day, Belgian Army: 6 Jun–30 Sep 1944.

Emblem

Gules, a target viewfinder throughout Sable, surmounted by a “Black Widow” spider in base of the last garnished of the first between two lightning flashes chevronwise Argent, all within a diminished border Black. Approved on 7 Jan 1993; replaced emblems approved on 11 Jun 1970 (KE 37892) and 4 May 1945 (29593 A.C.).



429th Electronic Combat Squadron

Constituted 429th Fighter Squadron (Two Engine) on 26 May 1943. Activated on 1 Aug 1943. Redesignated 429th Fighter Squadron, Two Engine, on 20 Aug 1943. Inactivated on 5 Dec 1945. Redesignated 429th Fighter-Bomber Squadron on 25 Jun 1952. Activated on 10 Jul 1952. Redesignated 429th Tactical Fighter Squadron on 1 Jul 1958. Inactivated on 30 Sep 1989. Redesignated 429th Electronic Combat Squadron on 1 Aug 1992. Activated on 11 Sep 1992.

Assignments

474th Fighter Group, 1 Aug 1943–5 Dec 1945. 474th Fighter-Bomber Group, 10 Jul 1952 (attached to 58th Fighter-Bomber Wing, 1 Apr 1953–22 Nov 1954); 474th Fighter-Bomber (later, 474th Tactical Fighter) Wing, 8 Oct 1957 (attached to 7216th Air Base Group, 19 Jun–15 Oct 1959 and 11 Jun–22 Oct 1962; USAFE, 1 Sep–28 Nov 1961; 4th Tactical Fighter Wing, 22 Oct–28 Nov 1962; 7227th Support [later, 7227th Combat Support] Group, 3 Jul–13 Nov 1963; Sixteenth Air Force, 7 Apr–c. May 1964; 39th Air Division, 16 Nov 1964–12 Feb 1965; 27th Tactical Fighter Wing, 13 Jul–16 Dec 1965 and 15 May 1967–15 May 1968; 347th Tactical Fighter Wing, 18 Mar–29 Jul 1973); 347th Tactical Fighter Wing, 30 Jul 1973; 474th Tactical Fighter Wing, 21 Jun 1975–30 Sep 1989. 366th Operations Group, 11 Sep 1992; 27th Operations Group, 22 Jun 1993–.

Stations

Glendale, CA, 1 Aug 1943; Van Nuys Metropolitan Aprt, CA, 11 Oct 1943; Lomita Flight Strip, CA, 5 Jan–6 Feb 1944; Moreton, England, 12 Mar 1944; Neuilly, France, 6 Aug 1944; St Marceau, France, 2 Sep 1944; Peronne, France, 12 Sep 1944; Florennes, Belgium, 2 Oct 1944; Strassfeld, Germany, 30 Mar 1945; Langensalza, Germany, 22 Apr 1945; Schweinfurt, Germany, 16 Jun 1945; Stuttgart, Germany, 25 Oct–21 Nov 1945; Camp Kilmer, NJ, 4–5 Dec 1945. Misawa AB, Japan, 10 Jul 1952; Kunsan AB, South Korea, 10 Jul 1952; Taegu AB, South Korea, 1 Apr 1953–22 Nov 1954; Clovis (later, Cannon) AFB, NM, 13 Dec 1954 (deployed at Incirlik AB, Turkey, 19 Jun–15 Oct 1959 and 11 Jun–22 Oct 1962; Chambley AB, France, 1 Sep–28 Nov 1961; Seymour Johnson AFB, NC, 22 Oct–28 Nov 1962; Aviano AB, Italy, 3 Jul–13 Nov 1963; Validati AB, Iran, 7 Apr–c. May 1964; Misawa AB, Japan, 16 Nov 1964–12 Feb 1965; Bien Hoa AB, South Vietnam, 13 Jul–16 Dec 1965; Homestead AFB, FL, 15 May 1967–15 May 1968); Nellis AFB, NV, 15 May 1968–29 Jul 1973 (deployed at Takhli RTAFB, Thailand, 28 Sep 1972–26 Jan 1973 and 18 Mar–29 Jul 1973); Takhli RTAFB, Thailand, 30 Jul 1973; Korat RTAFB, Thailand, 14 Jul 1974–15 Jun 1975; Nellis AFB, NV, 21 Jun 1975–30 Sep 1989. Mountain Home AFB, ID, 11 Sep 1992; Cannon AFB, NM, 22 Jun 1993–.

Aircraft

P–38, 1943–1945. F–84, 1952–1954; F–86, 1955–1957; F–100, 1957–1965, 1967–1968; F–111, 1969–1975; F–4, 1975–1981; F–16, 1981–1989. EF–111, 1992–.

Operations

Combat in ETO, 25 Apr 1944–8 May 1945. Combat in Korea, 1 Aug 1952–27 Jul 1953. Combat in Southeast Asia, 16 Jul–14 Dec 1965, 28 Sep 1972–26 Jan 1973, and 20 Mar–15 Aug 1973. Not operational c. 16 Dec 1965–15 May 1967. Fighter training, Jun 1975– Sep 1989. Command, control, and communications countermeasures, Sep 1992–.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Northern France; Normandy; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater. Korea: Korea Summer-Fall, 1952; Third Korean Winter; Korea, Summer 1953. Vietnam: Vietnam Defensive; Vietnam Ceasefire.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: France, 23 Aug 1944; Korea, 1 Dec 1952–30 Apr 1953. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat “V” Device: 30 Jul 1973–15 May 1975. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award: 9 Mar 1961–9 Mar 1962. Cited in the Orders of the Day, Belgian Army: 6 Jun–30 Sep 1944; 16 Dec 1944–25 Jan 1945. Belgian Fourragere. Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation: 10 Jul 1952–30 Mar 1953. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross With Palm: 22 Sep 1972–28 Jan 1973.

Emblem

On a Yellow disc with a narrow Black border a Black stylized falcon descending diagonally from upper right to lower left. *MOTTO*: BLACK FALCONS. Approved 5 Nov 1987 (DFSC 88–01585); replaced emblems approved on 7 Jul 1955 (152930 A.C.) and 28 Feb 1944 (45566 A.C.).



435th Fighter Squadron

Constituted 435th Fighter Squadron (Two Engine) on 12 Oct 1943. Activated on 15 Oct 1943. Redesignated 435th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 5 Sep 1944. Inactivated on 15 Dec 1945. Redesignated 435th Fighter-Bomber Squadron on 15 Oct 1952. Activated on 1 Dec 1952. Redesignated: 435th Fighter-Day Squadron on 15 Feb 1954; 435th Tactical Fighter Squadron on 1 Jul 1958. Inactivated on 8 Aug 1974. Redesignated 435th Tactical Fighter Training Squadron on 22 Oct 1976. Activated on 1 Jan 1977. Inactivated on 19 Feb 1991. Redesignated 435th Fighter Squadron on 1 May 1993. Activated on 12 May 1993.

Assignments

479th Fighter Group, 15 Oct 1943; VIII Fighter Command, 1–15 Dec 1945. 479th Fighter-Bomber (later, 479th Fighter-Day) Group, 1 Dec 1952 (attached to Icelandic Defense Forces, 1 Dec 1952–27 Mar 1953; Air Proving Ground Command, 26 Jul–6 Sep 1955); 479th Fighter-Day (later, 479th Tactical Fighter) Wing, 8 Oct 1957 (attached to Sixteenth Air Force, 7 Dec 1960–c. 15 Apr 1961; 86th Air Division, 19 Sep 1961–22 Jan 1962 and 17 Oct–c. 30 Nov 1962; 65th Air Division, 3 Aug–17 Oct 1962; c. 30 Nov–19 Dec 1962, 30 Mar–23 Jun 1964; 2d Air Division, 12 Oct–20 Dec 1965; detachment operated under 8th Tactical Fighter Wing, 5 Jun–c. 23 Jul 1966); 8th Tactical Fighter Wing, 24 Jul 1966–8 Aug 1974. 479th Tactical Training Wing, 1 Jan 1977–19 Feb 1991. 49th Operations Group, 12 May 1993–.

Stations

Glendale, CA, 15 Oct 1943; Oxnard, CA, 6 Feb 1944; Santa Maria AAFld, CA, 6–15 Apr 1944; Wattisham, England, 15 May 1944–c. 9 Dec 1945; Camp Kilmer, NJ, 14–15 Dec 1945. George AFB, CA, 1 Dec 1952–19 Jul 1966 (deployed at Keflavik, Iceland, 1 Dec 1952–27 Mar 1953; North Auxiliary Field, SC, 26 Jul–6 Sep 1955; Moron AB, Spain, 7 Dec 1960–c. 15 Apr 1961, 3 Aug–17 Oct 1962, c. 30 Nov–19 Dec 1962, and 30 Mar–23 Jun 1964; Ramstein AB, Germany, 19 Sep 1961–22 Jan 1962; Hahn AB, Germany, 17 Oct–c. 30 Nov 1962; Da Nang AB, South Vietnam, and Kung Kuan AB, Taiwan [split deployment], 12 Oct–20 Dec 1965; detachment operated at Udorn RTAFB, Thailand, 5 Jun–c. 23 Jul 1966); Udorn RTAFB, Thailand, 24 Jul 1966; Ubon RTAFB, Thailand, 2 Aug 1967–8 Aug 1974. Holloman AFB, NM, 1 Jan 1977–19 Feb 1991. Holloman AFB, NM, 12 May 1993–.

Aircraft

P–38, 1943–1944, 1944–1945; P–51, 1944–1945; P–47, 1945. F–51, 1952–1953; F–86, 1953–1955; F–100, 1954–1959; F–104, 1959–1967; F–4, 1967–1974. T–38, 1977–1991.

Operations

Air defense prior to overseas duty. Combat in ETO, 26 May 1944–25 Apr 1945. Air defense in Southeast Asia, 12 Oct–20 Dec 1965. Combat in Southeast Asia, Jul 1966–15 Aug 1973. Trained fighter pilots and weapon systems officers, Jan 1977–Feb 1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater. Vietnam: Vietnam Defensive; Vietnam Air; Vietnam Air Offensive; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air/Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; TET 69/Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer-Fall 1969; Vietnam Winter-Spring 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon; Commando Hunt V; Commando Hunt VI; Commando Hunt VII; Vietnam Ceasefire.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: ETO, 18 Aug, 5 and 26 Sep 1944. Presidential Unit Citations (Southeast Asia): 16 Dec 1966–2 Jan 1967; 1 Mar 1967–31 Mar 1968; 1 Jan–1 Apr 1971. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat “V” Device: 24 Jul–[15 Dec] 1966; 1 Apr–30 Sep 1968; 1 Jan–31 Dec 1970; 1 Oct 1971–31 Mar 1972; 1 Apr–22 Oct 1972; 18 Dec 1972–15 Aug 1973. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award: 1 May 1981–30 Apr 1983. French Croix de Guerre with Palm: 5–15 Jun 1944. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 27 May 1966–28 Jan 1973.

Emblem

On a Light Blue disc, border Red, piped White, a caricatured, Black and White eagle, with Yellow Orange beak and feet, standing on small, White cloud formation in base, and facing toward dexter, beneath five, White stars in chief, while holding a large Gray aerial machine gun under the left wing, firing from the muzzle, proper. Approved on 20 Mar 1945 (46294 A.C.); replaced emblem approved on 25 Feb 1944.



445th Flight Test Squadron

Constituted 445th Fighter Squadron (Special) on 19 Feb 1943. Activated on 24 Feb 1943. Redesignated: 445th Fighter Squadron (Twin Engine) (Special) on 15 Mar 1943; 445th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 11 Mar 1944; 445th Fighter Squadron, Jet Propelled, on 18 Jan 1946. Inactivated on 3 Jul 1946. Redesignated 445th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron on 11 Feb 1953. Activated on 20 Mar 1953. Inactivated on 30 Sep 1968. Consolidated (1 Oct 1992) with the 6512th Test Squadron which was designated, and activated, on 1 Oct 1969. Redesignated: 445th Test Squadron on 2 Oct 1992; 445th Flight Test Squadron on 1 Mar 1994.

Assignments

50th Fighter Group, 24 Feb 1943; Tactical Air Division, AAF Tactical Center, 10 Feb 1944; 412th Fighter Group, 11 Mar 1944–3 Jul 1946. 530th Air Defense Group, 20 Mar 1953; 412th Fighter Group, 18 Aug 1955; Sault Sainte Marie Air Defense Sector, 1 Apr 1960; Detroit Air Defense Sector, 15 Jul 1963; 34th Air Division, 1 Apr 1966–30 Sep 1968. 6512th Test Group (later, 6510th Test Wing), 1 Oct 1969; Air Force Flight Test Center, 1 Jan 1973; 6510th (later, 412th) Test Wing, 1 Mar 1978; 412th Operations Group, 1 Oct 1993–.

Stations

Orlando AB, FL, 24 Feb 1943; Muroc, CA, 11 Mar 1944; Palmdale AAFld, CA, 1 Jun 1944; Bakersfield Muni Aprt, CA, 11 Oct 1944; Santa Maria AAFld, CA, 10 Jul 1945; March Field, CA, 3 Dec 1945–3 Jul 1946. Geiger Field, WA, 20 Mar 1953; Wurtsmith AFB, MI, 18 Aug 1955–30 Sep 1968. Edwards AFB, CA, 1 Oct 1969–.

Aircraft

In addition to P–38, P–39, P–40, P–47, P–51, and P–63, included A–24, BT–13, C–78, L–3, L–4, XR–3, XR–4, and Beaufighter during period 1943–1944; in addition YP–59A, 1944–1945, and P–59B, 1945; included A–24, A–25, A–36, P–38, P–51, B–17, and Zeke–52 during period 1944–1945; P–51, 1945–1946; P–80, 1945–1946. F–86, 1953–1955; F–89, 1955–1960; F–101, 1960–1968. Primarily flew F–4, A–7, T–38, C–135, T–37 from 1969 to present.

Operations

Testing of aircraft and tactics, Mar 1943–Mar 1944; operational training, Mar 1944–Jan 1946; operational as a fighter Squadron in Jan–Jul 1946. Air defense, Mar 1953–Sep 1968. Managed support aircraft fleet for 412th Test Wing and operated more than 100 aircraft test and evaluation programs, 1969 to present.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Oct 1969–14 Jan 1971; 1 Jan 1973–1 May 1974; 1 Jan 1975–31 Dec 1976; 1 Jan 1983–31 Dec 1984; 1 Jan 1985–31 Dec 1986.

Emblem

On a Blue disc edged with a narrow Blue border, a Yellow land area supporting a Brown mountain range in base; originating on the Yellow sand in sinister base and arced skyward, two White vapor trails outlined Blue, terminating below a White delta wing ascending in dexter chief. Approved on 11 Jun 1976 (KE 59612); replaced emblem approved on 24 Nov 1958 (K 10820).



446th Missile Squadron

Constituted 446th Bombardment Squadron (Medium) on 19 Jun 1942. Activated on 26 Jun 1942. Redesignated 446th Bombardment Squadron, Medium, on 6 Mar 1944. Inactivated on 12 Sep 1945. Redesignated 446th Bombardment Squadron, Light, on 5 Mar 1947. Activated in the Reserve on 30 Mar 1947. Inactivated on 27 Jun 1949. Redesignated 446th Bombardment Squadron, Medium, on 25 Nov 1953. Activated on 15 Dec 1953. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 25 Oct 1961. Redesignated 446th Strategic Missile Squadron and activated, on 19 Apr 1965. Organized on 1 Jul 1965. Redesignated 446th Missile Squadron on 1 Sep 1991.

Assignments

321st Bombardment Group, 26 Jun 1942–12 Sep 1945. Eleventh Air Force, 30 Mar 1947; 321st Bombardment Group, 30 Sep 1947–27 Jun 1949. 321st Bombardment Wing, 15 Dec 1953–25 Oct 1961. Strategic Air Command, 19 Apr 1965; 321st Strategic Missile Wing, 1 Jul 1965; 321st Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991; 321st Missile Group, 1 Jul 1994–.

Stations

Barksdale Field, LA, 26 Jun 1942; Columbia AAB, SC, c. 1 Aug 1942; Walterboro, SC, 17 Sep 1942; DeRidder AAB, LA, 1 Dec 1942–21 Jan 1943; Oujda, French Morocco, 7 Mar 1943; Ain M'Lila, Algeria, 12 Mar 1943; Souk-el-Arba, Tunisia, 1 Jun 1943; Soliman, Tunisia, 9 Aug 1943; Grottaglie, Italy, 3 Oct 1943; Amendola, Italy, c. 27 Nov 1943; Vincenzo Airfield, Italy, 14 Jan 1944; Gaudio Airfield, Italy, 18 Feb 1944; Solenzara, Corsica, c. 29 Apr 1944; Falconara, Italy, c. 6 Apr 1945; Pomigliano, Italy, c. Aug–12 Sep 1945. Johnstown Muni Aprt, PA, 30 Mar 1947–27 Jun 1949. Pinecastle (later, McCoy) AFB, FL, 15 Dec 1953–25 Oct 1961 (deployed at RAF Lakenheath, England, 9 Dec 1954–5 Mar 1955; Sidi Slimane AB, Morocco, 9 Apr–3 Jul 1956). Grand Forks AFB, ND, 1 Jul 1965–.

Aircraft and Missiles. B–25, 1942–1945. AT–6 and AT–11, 1947–1949. B–47, 1953–1961. Minuteman II, 1966–1972; Minuteman III, 1972–.

Operations

Combat in MTO and ETO, 15 Mar 1943–25 Apr 1945. Not operational, 1 Jul 1965–c. 29 Mar 1966. Missile operations, Apr 1966–.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Tunisia; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Anzio; Rome-Arno; Southern France; North Apennines; Central Europe; Po Valley; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Athens, Greece, 8 Oct 1943; Toulon, France, 18 Aug 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1968–30 Jun 1969; 1 Jul 1984–30 Jun 1986; 1 Jun 1986–30 Jun 1987.

Emblem

On a disc quartered Blue and White and edged Blue; a sphere, land area Green, water areas Light Blue; encircling the sphere a modernistic wing with speed lines of the first and second colors; above the demi-sphere a tiger, in his proper colors, resting his paws on the top of the sphere. *MOTTO*: SEMPER SUMMATUM—Always the Highest. Approved on 4 May 1956 (K 834).



447th Missile Squadron

Constituted 447th Bombardment Squadron (Medium) on 19 Jun 1942. Activated on 26 Jun 1942. Redesignated 447th Bombardment Squadron, Medium, on 6 Mar 1944. Inactivated on 12 Sep 1945. Redesignated 447th Bombardment Squadron, Light, on 26 May 1947. Activated in the Reserve on 22 Jun 1947. Inactivated on 27 Jun 1949. Redesignated 447th Bombardment Squadron, Medium, on 25 Nov 1953. Activated on 15 Dec 1953. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 25 Oct 1961. Redesignated 447th Strategic Missile Squadron (ICBM-Minuteman), and activated, on 19 Oct 1964. Organized on 1 Feb 1965. Redesignated 447th Missile Squadron on 1 Sep 1991.

Assignments

321st Bombardment Group, 26 Jun 1942–12 Sep 1945. Eleventh Air Force, 22 Jun 1947; 321st Bombardment Group, 29 Jun 1947–27 Jun 1949. 321st Bombardment Wing, 15 Dec 1953–25 Oct 1961. Strategic Air Command, 19 Oct 1964; 321st Strategic Missile Wing, 1 Feb 1965; 321st Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991; 321st Missile Group, 1 Jul 1994–.

Stations

Barksdale Field, LA, 26 Jun 1942; Columbia AAB, SC, c. 1 Aug 1942; Walterboro, SC, 18 Sep 1942; DeRidder AAB, LA, 2 Dec 1942–21 Jan 1943; Oujda, French Morocco, 7 Mar 1943; Ain M'Lila, Algeria, 12 Mar 1943; Souk-el-Arba, Tunisia, 1 Jun 1943; Soliman, Tunisia, 8 Aug 1943; Grottaglie, Italy, 3 Oct 1943; Amendola, Italy, c. 25 Nov 1943; Vincenzo Airfield, Italy, 14 Jan 1944; Gaudo, Italy, 18 Feb 1944; Solenzara, Corsica, 3 May 1944; Falconara, Italy, c. 9 May 1945; Pomigliano, Italy, c. Aug–12 Sep 1945. Luken Aprt, OH, 22 Jun 1947–27 Jun 1949. Pinecastle (later, McCoy) AFB, FL, 15 Dec 1953–25 Oct 1961 (deployed at RAF Lakenheath, England, 9 Dec 1954–5 Mar 1955; Sidi Slimane AB, Morocco, 9 Apr–3 Jul 1956). Grand Forks AFB, ND, 1 Feb 1965–.

Aircraft and Missiles

B–25, 1942–1945. AT–6 and AT–11, 1947–1949. B–47, 1953–1961. Minuteman II, 1965–1971; Minuteman III, 1971–.

Operations

Combat in MTO, 16 Mar 1943–25 Apr 1945. Not operational, 1 Feb–c. Dec 1965. Missile operations, Jan 1966–.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Tunisia; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Anzio; Rome-Arno; Southern France; North Apennines; Central Europe; Po Valley; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Athens, Greece, 8 Oct 1943; Toulon, France, 18 Aug 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1968–30 Jun 1969; 1 Jul 1985–30 Jun 1987.

Emblem

Celeste, a cloud Argent surmounted by a wyvern Gules, its tail encoiled around a bomb descending bendwise sinister Silver Gray; all within a diminished bordure of the third. *MOTTO*: MAXIME SUPERIORES—The Very Best. Originally approved on 7 May 1956 (K 562) slightly modified and reinstated on 17 Oct 1994 (DFSC 95–00356); replaced emblem approved on 25 Nov 1966 (K 21636).



448th Missile Squadron

Constituted 448th Bombardment Squadron (Medium) on 19 Jun 1942. Activated on 26 Jun 1942. Redesignated 448th Bombardment Squadron, Medium, on 6 Mar 1944. Inactivated on 12 Sep 1945. Redesignated 448th Bombardment Squadron, Light, on 29 Jan 1947. Activated in the Reserve on 15 Mar 1947. Inactivated on 27 Jun 1949. Redesignated 448th Bombardment Squadron, Medium, on 30 Oct 1958. Activated on 1 Feb 1959. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 25 Oct 1961. Redesignated 448th Strategic Missile Squadron, and activated, on 2 Aug 1965. Organized on 15 Sep 1965. Redesignated 448th Missile Squadron on 1 Sep 1991.

Assignments

321st Bombardment Group, 26 Jun 1942–12 Sep 1945. Eleventh Air Force, 15 Mar 1947; 321st Bombardment Group, 30 Sep 1947; Tenth Air Force, 28 Mar–27 Jun 1949. 321st Bombardment Wing, 1 Feb 1959–25 Oct 1961. Strategic Air Command, 2 Aug 1965; 321st Strategic Missile Wing, 15 Sep 1965; 321st Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991; 321st Missile Group, 1 Jul 1994–.

Stations

Barksdale Field, LA, 26 Jun 1942; Columbia AAB, SC, c. 1 Aug 1942; Walterboro, SC, 20 Sep 1942; DeRidder AAB, LA, 1 Dec 1942–21 Jan 1943; Oujda, French Morocco, 7 Mar 1943; Ain M'lila, Algeria, 12 Mar 1943; Souk-el-Arba, Tunisia, 1 Jun 1943; Soliman, Tunisia, 8 Aug 1943; Grottaglie, Italy, 4 Oct 1943; Amendola, Italy, c. 20 Nov 1943; Vincenzo Airfield, Italy, 14 Jan 1944; Gaudo Airfield, Italy, 18 Feb 1944; Solenzara, Corsica, 23 Apr 1944; Falconara, Italy, 6 Apr 1945; Pomigliano, Italy, c. Aug 1945–12 Sep 1945. Stout Field, IN, 15 Mar 1947–27 Jun 1949. McCoy AFB, FL, 1 Feb 1959–25 Oct 1961. Grand Forks AFB, ND, 15 Sep 1965–.

Aircraft and Missiles

B–25, 1942–1945. AT–6 and AT–11, 1947–1949. DB–47, 1959–1960; B–47, 1959–1961. Minuteman II, 1966–1972; Minuteman III, 1972–.

Operations

Combat in MTO, 15 Mar 1943–25 Apr 1945. Not operational, 15 Sep 1965–c. Sep 1966. Missile operations, Oct 1966–.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Tunisia; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Anzio; Rome-Arno; Southern France; North Apennines; Central Europe; Po Valley; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Athens, Greece, 8 Oct 1943; Toulon, France, 18 Aug 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1968–30 Jun 1969; 1 Jul 1985–30 Jun 1987.

Emblem

Celeste, a bald eagle soaring proper grasping a missile warhead proper; all within a diminished bordure Or. *MOTTO*: IN AQUILAE CURA—Under the Care of the Eagle. Originally approved on 3 Feb 1960 (K 11614), modified, and reinstated on 17 Oct 1994 (DFSC 95–00357); replaced emblem approved on 30 Nov 1966 (KE 21643).



452d Flight Test Squadron

Constituted 452d Bombardment Squadron (Medium) on 1 Jun 1942. Activated on 17 Jul 1942. Redesignated 452d Bombardment Squadron, Medium, on 9 Oct 1944. Inactivated on 12 Dec 1945. Redesignated 452d Bombardment Squadron, Light, on 3 Jul 1947. Activated in the Reserve on 9 Aug 1947. Inactivated on 27 Jun 1949. Redesignated 452d Fighter-Day Squadron on 24 Mar 1954. Activated on 1 Jul 1954. Inactivated on 18 Nov 1957. Redesignated 452d Flying Training Squadron on 28 Jul 1972. Activated on 1 Apr 1973. Inactivated on 31 May 1993. Redesignated 452d Test Squadron on 31 Aug 1993. Activated on 1 Oct 1993. Redesignated 452d Flight Test Squadron on 1 Mar 1994.

Assignments

322d Bombardment Group 17 Jul 1942–12 Dec 1945. 322d Bombardment Group, 9 Aug 1947–27 Jun 1949. 322d Fighter-Day Group, 1 Jul 1954–18 Nov 1957. 323d Flying Training Wing, 1 Apr 1973; 323d Operations Group, 15 Dec 1991–31 May 1993. 412th Operations Group, 1 Oct 1993–.

Stations

MacDill Field, FL, 17 Jul 1942; Drane Field, FL, 22 Sep–15 Nov 1942; Rattlesden, England, 1 Dec 1942; Rougham, England, 22 Mar 1943; Great Saling, England, 12 Jun 1943; Beauvais/Tille, France, c. 29 Sep 1944; Le Culot, Belgium, c. 26 Mar 1945; Wickenrode, Germany, Jun 1945; Hornel, Germany, Jul 1945; Clastres, France, c. 1 Oct–3 Dec 1945; Camp Myles Standish, MA, 11–12 Dec 1945. Reading AAFld (later, Muni Aprt), PA, 9 Aug 1947–27 Jun 1949. Foster AFB, TX, 1 Jul 1954–18 Nov 1957 (deployed at Landstuh AB, Germany, 20 Sep–4 Oct 1956). Mather AFB, CA, 1 Apr 1973–31 May 1993. Edwards AFB, CA, 1 Oct 1993–.

Aircraft

B–26, 1942–1945. AT–6, AT–7, and AT–11, 1947–1949. F–86, 1954–1955; F–100, 1955–1957. Probably flew T–29, 1973–1975; T–43, 1973–1993.

Operations

Combat in ETO during World War II, 14 May 1943–24 Apr 1945. Disarmament of German Air Force, Jun–Sep 1945. Undergraduate navigator training, 1973–1993.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Apr–31 Dec 1973; 1 Jan 1976–28 Feb 1977; 1 Jan 1978–30 Apr 1979; 1 Jan 1980–30 Apr 1981.

Emblem

On a Yellow disc edged with a narrow Black border, a shield bendy Blue and White with a White chief fimbriated and bordered Black, overall a Black falcon descending, head, neck, and details White, beak, lower legs and feet Yellow, eye White garnished Red, claws White, grasping a sword, blade White, handle Black, guard Yellow, all outlines Black. Approved on 22 Jul 1955 (K 9517) and slightly modified on 30 May 1973 (KE 52236); replaced emblem approved on 12 Jul 1943 (150592 A.C.).



457th Airlift Squadron

Constituted 457th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 1 Jul 1942. Activated on 6 Jul 1942. Inactivated on 1 Apr 1944. Redesignated 457th Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, and activated on 1 Apr 1944. Inactivated on 27 Dec 1945. Redesignated 457th Bombardment Squadron, Medium, on 16 May 1949. Activated in the Reserve on 27 Jun 1949. Ordered to active service on 1 May 1951. Inactivated on 16 Jun 1951. Redesignated 457th Troop Carrier Squadron, Medium, on 26 May 1952. Activated in the Reserve on 14 Jun 1952. Inactivated on 14 Jul 1952. Redesignated 457th Troop Carrier Squadron, and activated, on 12 Oct 1966. Organized on 1 Jan 1967. Redesignated 457th Tactical Airlift Squadron on 1 Aug 1967. Inactivated on 30 Apr 1972. Consolidated (1 Dec 1991) with the 1402 Military Airlift Squadron, which was designated, and activated, on 1 Apr 1975. Redesignated 457th Airlift Squadron on 1 Dec 1991.

Assignments

330th Bombardment Group, 6 Jul 1942–1 Apr 1944. 330th Bombardment Group, 1 Apr 1944–27 Dec 1945. 330th Bombardment Group, 27 Jun 1949–16 Jun 1951. 330th Troop Carrier Group, 14 Jun–14 Jul 1952. Pacific Air Forces, 12 Oct 1966; 483d Troop Carrier (later, 483d Tactical Airlift) Wing, 1 Jan 1967–30 Apr 1972. 89th Military Airlift Wing (later, 89th Military Airlift Group), 1 Apr 1975; 375th Aeromedical (later, 375th Military) Airlift Wing, 15 Mar 1978; 375th Operations Group, 1 Dec 1991; 89th Operations Group, 1 Apr 1993–.

Stations

Salt Lake City AAB, UT, 6 Jul 1942; Alamogordo, NM, 1 Aug 1942; Biggs Field, TX, c. 2 Sep 1942; Alamogordo, NM, 29 Nov 1942; Biggs Field, TX, 5 Mar 1943–1 Apr 1944. Walker AAFld, KS, 1 Apr 1944, Dalhart AAFld, TX, 25 May 1944; Walker AAFld, KS, 1 Aug 1944–7 Jan 1945; North Field, Guam, 18 Feb–21 Nov 1945; Camp Anza, CA, c. 19–27 Dec 1945. March AFB, CA, 27 Jun 1949–16 Jun 1951. Greater Pittsburgh Aprt, PA, 14 Jun–14 Jul 1952. Cam Ranh Bay AB, South Vietnam, 1 Jan 1967–30 Apr 1972. Andrews AFB, MD, 1 Apr 1975–.

Aircraft

B–17, 1942; B–24, 1942–1944. B–17, 1944; B–29, 1944–1945. Unkn, 1949–1951. C–7, 1967–1972. T(later, CT)–39, 1975–1984; VC 131, 1975–1977; C–12, 1976–1977, 1984–; C–21, 1984–.

Operations

Replacement training, 1942–1944. Combat in Western Pacific, c. 12 Apr–14 Aug 1945. Intratheater airlift in Vietnam, including airland and airdrop assault missions, 1967–1972. Pilot readiness training, 1975–1984 and administrative airlift, 1975–1993. Supported intratheater airlift in Southwest Asia, Aug 1990–Apr 1991. Airlift support for high-ranking dignitaries of the US and foreign governments, 1993–.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Japan; Western Pacific. Vietnam: Vietnam Air Offensive; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air/Ground 1968; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; TET 69/

Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer-Fall 1969; Vietnam Winter-Spring 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon; Commando Hunt V; Commando Hunt VI; Commando Hunt VII.

Air Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Japan, 3–9 Jul 1945; Tokyo, Japan, 8 Aug 1945. Presidential Unit Citations (Southeast Asia): 21 Jan–12 May 1968; 1 Apr–30 Jun 1970. Navy Presidential Unit Citation: Vietnam, 20 Jan–1 Apr 1968. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat “V” Device: 1 Jan–30 Apr 1967; 1 May 1967–30 Apr 1968; 1 Jul 1970–31 Dec 1971. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul–31 Dec 1975; 1 Jan 1976–31 Jan 1977; 1 Jun 1981–31 May 1982; 1 Jun 1982–30 Jun 1983; 1 Jun 1986–31 Jul 1988; 1 Jul 1991–30 Jun 1992. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 1 Jan 1967–30 Apr 1972.

Emblem

On a Blue disc with a narrow Yellow border encircled by a stylized Yellow wreath a White star pierced Red all within a narrow Black border. *MOTTO*: THE WINGS OF COMMAND. Approved on 20 Jul 1984; replaced emblem approved on 3 Jul 1967 (KE 26188).



458th Airlift Squadron

Constituted 458th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 1 Jul 1942. Activated on 6 Jul 1942. Inactivated on 1 Apr 1944. Redesignated 458th Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, and activated, on 1 Apr 1944. Inactivated on 27 Dec 1945. Redesignated 458th Troop Carrier Squadron, Medium, on 26 May 1952. Activated in the Reserve on 14 Jun 1952. Inactivated on 14 Jul 1952. Redesignated 458th Troop Carrier Squadron, and activated, on 12 Oct 1966. Organized on 1 Jan 1967. Redesignated 458th Tactical Airlift Squadron on 1 Aug 1967. Inactivated on 1 Mar 1972. Consolidated (1 Dec 1991) with the 1401st Military Airlift Squadron, which was designated, and activated, on 1 Apr 1975. Redesignated 458th Airlift Squadron on 1 Dec 1991.

Assignments

330th Bombardment Group, 6 Jul 1942–1 Apr 1944. 330th Bombardment Group, 1 Apr 1944–27 Dec 1945. 330th Troop Carrier Group, 14 Jun–14 Jul 1952. Pacific Air Forces, 12 Oct 1966; 483d Troop Carrier (later, 483d Tactical Airlift) Wing, 1 Jan 1967–1 Mar 1972. 89th Military Airlift Wing (later, 89th Military Airlift Group), 1 Apr 1975; 375th Aeromedical (later, 375th Military Airlift) Wing, 15 Mar 1978; 375th Operations Group, 1 Dec 1991–.

Stations

Salt Lake City AAB, UT, 6 Jul 1942; Alamogordo, NM, 1 Aug 1942; Biggs Field, TX, 1 Sep 1942; Alamogordo, NM, 29 Nov 1942; Biggs Field, TX, 5 Apr 1943–1 Apr 1944. Walker AAFld, KS, 1 Apr 1944; Dalhart AAFld, TX, 25 May 1944; Walker AAFld, KS, 1 Aug 1944–7 Jan 1945; North Field, Guam, 18 Feb–21 Nov 1945; Camp Anza, CA, c.22–27 Dec 1945. Greater Pittsburgh Aprt, PA, 14 Jun–14 Jul 1952. Cam Ranh Bay AB, South Vietnam, 1 Jan 1967–1 Mar 1972. Scott AFB, IL, 1 Apr 1975–.

Aircraft

B–17, 1942; B–24, 1942–1944. B–17, 1944; B–29, 1944–1945. C–7, 1967–1972. CT–39, 1975–1984; C–21, 1984–; C–12, 1984–.

Operations

Replacement training, 1942–1944. Combat in Western Pacific, c. 12 Apr–14 Aug 1945. Tactical airlift in Southeast Asia, Jan 1967–Feb 1972. Military airlift operations worldwide, 1975–1978; worldwide aeromedical evacuation, 1978–1990. Airlift in Southwest Asia, Aug 1990–May 1991.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Japan; Western Pacific. Vietnam: Vietnam Air Offensive; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air/Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; TET 69/Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer-Fall, 1969; Vietnam Winter-Spring, 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon; Commando Hunt V; Commando Hunt VI; Commando Hunt VII.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Japan, 3–9 Jul 1945; Tokyo, Japan, 8 Aug 1945. Presidential Unit Citations (Southeast Asia): 21 Jan–12 May 1968; 1 Apr 30–Jun 1970. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat “V” Device: 1 Jan–30 Apr 1967; 1 May 1967–30 Apr 1968; 1 Jul 1970–31 Dec 1971. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul–31 Dec 1975; 1 Jan 1976–31 Jan 1977; 1 Jul 1981–30 Jun 1983; 1 Jul 1986–31 Jul 1988. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 1 Jan 1967–1 Mar 1972.

Emblem

On a Blue disc edged with a narrow Yellow border, in chief a sword palewise with the point up White detailed Blue and issuing from the edges of the sword blade eight Yellow rays rising from the base a Red trapezoid terminating below the silhouette of a stylized White aircraft bendwise all between four White five-pointed stars two each in pale at dexter and sinister. Approved on 18 May 1983 (DFSC 83–08020); replaced emblems approved on 27 Mar 1968 (KE 29506) and 27 Jun 1945 (29920 A.C.).



459th Airlift Squadron

Constituted 459th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 1 Jul 1942. Activated on 6 Jul 1942. Inactivated on 1 Apr 1944. Redesignated 459th Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, and activated on 1 Apr 1944. Inactivated on 21 Dec 1945. Redesignated 459th Troop Carrier Squadron, Medium, on 26 May 1952. Activated in the Reserve on 14 Jun 1952. Inactivated on 14 Jul 1952. Redesignated 459th Troop Carrier Squadron, and activated, on 12 Oct 1966. Organized on 1 Jan 1967. Redesignated 459th Tactical Airlift Squadron on 1 Aug 1967. Inactivated on 1 Jun 1970. Consolidated (1 Dec 1991) with the 1400th Military Airlift Squadron, which was designated, and activated, on 1 Apr 1975. Redesignated 459th Airlift Squadron on 1 Dec 1991. Inactivated on 1 Oct 1993. Activated on 1 Oct 1993.

Assignments

330th Bombardment Group, 6 Jul 1942–1 Apr 1944. 330th Bombardment Group, 1 Apr 1944–21 Dec 1945. 330th Troop Carrier Group, 14 Jun–14 Jul 1952. Pacific Air Forces, 12 Oct 1966; 483d Troop Carrier (later, 483d Tactical Airlift) Wing, 1 Jan 1967–1 Jun 1970. 89th Military Airlift Wing (later, 89th Military Airlift Group) 1 Apr 1975; 375th Aeromedical (later, 375th Military) Airlift Wing, 15 Mar 1978; 375th Operations Group, 1 Dec 1991; 22d Operations Group, 1 Apr–1 Oct 1993. 374th Operations Group, 1 Oct 1993–.

Stations

Salt Lake City AAB, UT, 6 Jul 1942; Alamogordo, NM, 1 Aug 1942; Biggs Field, TX, 2 Sep 1942; Alamogordo, NM, 29 Nov 1942; Biggs Field, TX, 5 Apr 1943–1 Apr 1944. Walker AAFld, KS, 1 Apr 1944; Dalhart AAFld, TX, 25 May 1944; Walker AAFld, KS, 1 Aug 1944–7 Jan 1945; North Field, Guam, 18 Feb–19 Nov 1945; Camp Anza, CA, c. 18–21 Dec 1945. Greater Pittsburgh Aprt, PA, 14 Jun–14 Jul 1952. Phu Cat AB, Vietnam, 1 Jan 1967–1 Jun 1970. Norton AFB, CA, 1 Apr 1975; March AFB, CA, 15 Oct 1992–1 Oct 1993. Yokota AB, Japan, 1 Oct 1993–.

Aircraft

B–17, 1942; B–24, 1942–1944. B–17, 1944; B–29, 1944–1945. C–7, 1967–1970. CT–39, 1975–1985; C–12, 1984–; C–21, 1985–.

Operations

Replacement training, 1942–1944. Combat in Western Pacific, c. 12 Apr–14 Aug 1945. Intratheater airlift in Southeast Asia, Jan 1967–May 1970. Airlift of key Department of Defense personnel, Apr 1975–Mar 1978; aeromedical airlift, Mar 1978–Nov 1991; operational support airlift, Dec 1991–.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Japan; Western Pacific. Vietnam: Vietnam Air Offensive; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air/Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; TET 69/Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer-Fall, 1969; Vietnam Winter-Spring, 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Japan, 3–9 Jul 1945; Tokyo, Japan, 8 Aug 1945. Presidential Unit Citations (Southeast Asia): 1 Jan–12 May 1968; 1 Apr–31 May 1970. Presidential Unit Citation (Navy): Khe Sanh, 20 Jan–31 Mar 1968. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat “V” Device: 1 Jan–30 Apr 1967; 1 May 1967–30 Apr 1968. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul–31 Dec 1975; 1 Jan 1976–31 Jan 1977; 1 Jul 1981–30 Jun 1983; 1 Jun 1986–31 Jul 1988. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm; 1 Jan 1967–30 Jun 1970.

Emblem

On a Blue disc edged with a narrow Red border a White undulating aerodynamic shape fesswise throughout between in base a Yellow sun emitting seven Yellow rays and in the top of the disc a constellation of ten White stars palewise four, three, two and one, overall five contrails bendwise, Red, White, Blue, White, Red, terminating at a White aircraft ascending bendwise garnished Black. Approved on 10 Jun 1982 (DFSC 82–05845); replaced emblem approved on 19 Dec 1942 (29396 A.C.).



490th Missile Squadron

Constituted 490th Bombardment Squadron (Medium) on 14 Aug 1942. Activated on 15 Sep 1942. Redesignated 490th Bombardment Squadron, Medium, on 1 Aug 1943. Inactivated on 2 Nov 1945. Redesignated 490th Bombardment Squadron, Light, on 11 Mar 1947. Activated in the Reserve on 4 Apr 1947. Inactivated on 27 Jun 1949. Redesignated 490th Bombardment Squadron, Medium, on 7 Jun 1955. Activated on 1 Sep 1955. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 25 Jun 1961. Redesignated 490th Strategic Missile Squadron (ICBM-Minuteman), and activated, on 18 Dec 1961. Organized on 1 May 1962. Redesignated 490th Missile Squadron on 1 Sep 1991.

Assignments

341st Bombardment Group, 15 Sep 1942; Tenth Air Force, 25 Oct 1943 (attached to 341st Bombardment Group, 25 Oct 1943–c. 7 Jan 1944); 341st Bombardment Group, 7 May–2 Nov 1945 (312th Fighter Wing for operational control, 7 May–c. 25 Aug 1945). 341st Bombardment Group, 4 Apr 1947–27 Jun 1949. 341st Bombardment Wing, 1 Sep 1955–25 Jun 1961. Strategic Air Command, 18 Dec 1961; 341st Strategic Missile Wing, 1 May 1962; 341st Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991–.

Stations

Camp Malir, Karachi, India, 15 Sep 1942; Moire Camp, Ondal, India, 5 Jan 1943 (operated from Chakulia, India, 20–25 May 1943); Kurmitola, India, 25 May 1943; Dergaon, India, 26 Aug 1944; Moran, India, 20 Oct 1944; Warazup, Burma, 29 Nov 1944; Hanchung, China, 13 Apr–13 Sep 1945 (detachment operated from Hsian, China, 16 Apr–4 Aug 1945); Camp Kilmer, NJ, 1–2 Nov 1945. Dow Field (later, AFB), ME, 4 Apr 1947–27 Jun 1949. Abilene (later, Dyess) AFB, TX, 1 Sep 1955–25 Jun 1961 (deployed at Andersen AFB, Guam, 9 Jan–c. 3 Apr 1958). Malmstrom AFB, MT, 1 May 1962–.

Aircraft and Missiles

B–25, 1942–1945. AT–6, 1947–1949; AT–11, 1947–1949. B–47, 1956–1961. Minuteman I, 1962–1969; Minuteman II, 1969–.

Operations

Combat in Central Burma and India, 18 Feb 1943–20 May 1944 and 5 Jul 1944–4 Aug 1945; flew supplies from Chittagong, India to Imphal, India, 20 May–30 Jun 1944 and dropped leaflets for the US Office of War Information, Jan–Aug 1945. Strategic missile operations, 1962–.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: India-Burma; China Defensive; Central Burma; China Offensive.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: Central Burma, 1 Oct–31 Dec 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 22 Oct 1962–31 Dec 1963; 1 Jul 1975–30 Jun 1976; 1 Jul 1976–30 Jun 1977; 1 Jul 1979–30 Jun 1981; 1 Jul 1988–30 Jun 1990; 1 Jul 1990–30 Jun 1991; 1 Sep 1991 –31 Aug 1993.

Emblem

Per fess nebuly Celeste and Silver Gray a target issuant from dexter base of the like ringed Or and from its center a sword imbedded Argent hilt of the third between also from target center a lightning bolt palewise and another fesswise Gules; all within a diminished border Azure. Original emblem approved on 11 Jul 1956 (154861 A.C.), modified and reinstated on 2 Mar 1995; replaced emblem approved on 10 Sep 1985 (DFSC 86–03055).



492d Fighter Squadron

Constituted 55th Bombardment Squadron (Light) on 20 Nov 1940. Activated on 15 Jan 1941. Redesignated: 55th Bombardment Squadron (Dive) on 28 Aug 1942; 492d Fighter-Bomber Squadron on 10 Aug 1943; 492d Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 30 May 1944. Inactivated on 7 Nov 1945. Redesignated 492d Fighter-Bomber Squadron on 25 Jun 1952. Activated on 10 Jul 1952. Redesignated: 492d Tactical Fighter Squadron on 8 Jul 1958; 492d Fighter Squadron on 1 Oct 1991.

Assignments

48th Bombardment (later, 48th Fighter-Bomber; 48th Fighter) Group 15 Jan 1941–7 Nov 1945. 48th Fighter-Bomber Group, 10 Jul 1952; 48th Fighter-Bomber (later, 48th Tactical Fighter; 48th Fighter) Wing, 8 Dec 1957 (attached to 48th Fighter Wing [Provisional], 2 Sep 1990–15 Mar 1991; 7440th Composite Wing, Sep–Dec 1991); 48th Operations Group, 31 Mar 1992–.

Stations

Savannah, GA, 15 Jan 1941; Will Rogers Field, OK, 23 May 1941; Savannah, GA, 7 Feb 1942; Key Field, MS, 28 Jun 1942; William Northern Field, TN, 20 Aug 1943; Walterboro, AAFld, SC, 27 Jan–13 Mar 1944; Ibsley, England, 29 Mar 1944; Deux Jumeaux, France, 18 Jun 1944; Villacoublay, France, 29 Aug 1944; Cambrai/Niergnies, France, 15 Sep 1944; St Trond, Belgium, 30 Sep 1944; Kelz, Germany, 26 Mar 1945; Kassel, Germany, 18 Apr 1945; Illesheim, Germany, 25 Apr 1945; Laon, France, 5 Jul–Aug 1945; Seymour Johnson Field, NC, 9 Sep–7 Nov 1945. Chaumont AB, France, 10 Jul 1952; RAF Lakenheath, England, 11 Jan 1960– (deployed to Taif, Saudi Arabia, 2 Sep 1990–15 Mar 1991; Incirlik AB, Turkey, Sep–Dec 1991).

Aircraft

A–18, 1941; A–20, 1941–1942; A–35, 1942–1943; P–40, 1943; P–39, 1943–1944; P–47, 1944–1945. F–84, 1952–1954; F–86, 1953–1956; F–100, 1956–1972; F–4, 1972–1977; F–111, 1977–1992; F–15, 1992–.

Operations

Antisubmarine patrols, Mar–Apr 1942. Replacement training, 1942–1943. Combat in ETO, 20 Apr 1944–4 May 1945. Participated in the air raid on Tripoli, Libya, 14/15 Apr 1986. Combat in Southwest Asia, Jan–Feb 1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater; Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: ETO, 15 Oct 1944; Germany, 6 Dec 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1961–29 Feb 1964; 1 Jul 1966–30 Jun 1968; 14 Oct 1976–31 Dec 1977; 1 Apr 1978–31 Mar 1980; 1 Jul 1984–30 Jun 1986; 1 Jul 1986–30 Jun 1988; 1 Jul 1988–30 Jun 1990; 20 Aug 1990–11 May 1991. Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation (Libya), 10–16 Apr 1986. Cited in the Orders of the Day, Belgian Army: 6 Jun–30 Sep 1944; 1 Oct–17 Dec 1944; 18 Dec 1944–15 Jan 1945. Belgian Fourragere.

Emblem

On a Blue disc edged Red a flight symbol descending bendwise tricolored Yellow between Red to dexter and Black to sinister surmounted by a kestrel head erased descending bendwise Red detailed White, eye and beak Yellow all above a Yellow dexter arm grasping in its hand Yellow torch flament proper. Approved on 9 Jun 1964; modified in 1993. Replaced emblem approved on 25 Feb 1943 (K 6727).



493d Fighter Squadron

Constituted 56th Bombardment Squadron (Light) on 20 Nov 1940. Activated on 15 Jan 1941. Redesignated: 56th Bombardment Squadron (Dive) on 28 Aug 1942; 493d Fighter-Bomber Squadron on 10 Aug 1943; 493d Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 30 May 1944. Inactivated on 7 Nov 1945. Redesignated 493d Fighter-Bomber Squadron on 25 Jun 1952. Activated on 10 Jul 1952. Redesignated: 493d Tactical Fighter Squadron on 8 Jul 1958; 493d Fighter Squadron on 1 Oct 1991. Inactivated on 18 Dec 1992. Activated on 1 Jan 1994.

Assignments

48th Bombardment (later, 48th Fighter-Bomber; 48th Fighter) Group, 15 Jan 1941–7 Nov 1945. 48th Fighter-Bomber Group, 10 Jul 1952; 48th Fighter-Bomber (later, 48th Tactical Fighter; 48th Fighter) Wing, 8 Dec 1957–18 Dec 1992 (attached to 48th Fighter Wing [Provisional], 2 Sep 1990–15 Mar 1991 and 7440th Composite Wing, Sep–Dec 1991). 48th Operations Group, 1 Jan 1994–.

Stations

Savannah, GA, 15 Jan 1941; Will Rogers Field, OK, 23 May 1941; Savannah, GA, 7 Feb 1942; Key Field, MS, 28 Jun 1942; William Northern Field, TN, 20 Aug 1943; Walterboro, AAFld, SC, 27 Jan–13 Mar 1944; Ibsley, England, 29 Mar 1944; Deux Jumeaux, France, 18 Jun 1944; Villacoublay, France, 29 Aug 1944; Cambrai/Niergnies, France, 16 Sep 1944; St Trond, Belgium, c. 5 Oct 1944; Kelz, Germany, 26 Mar 1945; Kassel, Germany, 17 Apr 1945; Illsheim, Germany, 28 Apr 1945; Laon, France, 5 Jul–Aug 1945; Seymour Johnson Field, NC, 9 Sep–7 Nov 1945. Chaumont AB, France, 10 Jul 1952; RAF Lakenheath, England, 6 Jan 1960–18 Dec 1992 (deployed to Taif, Saudi Arabia, 2 Sep 1990–15 Mar 1991 and Incirlik AB, Turkey, Sep–Dec 1991). RAF Lakenheath, England, 1 Jan 1994–.

Aircraft

A–18, 1941; A–20, 1941–1942; A–35, 1942–1943; P–40, 1943; P–39, 1943–1944; P–47, 1944–1945. F–84, 1952–1954; F–86, 1953–1956; F–100, 1956–1972; F–4, 1972–1977; F–111, 1977–1992.

Operations

Antisubmarine patrols, Mar–Apr 1942. Replacement training, 1942–1943. Combat in ETO, 20 Apr 1944–4 May 1945. Participated in the air raid on Tripoli, Libya, 14/15 Apr 1986. Combat in Southwest Asia, Jan–Feb 1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater; Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: Germany, 6 Dec 1944. Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation: Libya, 10–16 Apr 1986. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1961–29 Feb 1964; 1 Jul 1966–30 Jun 1968; 14 Oct 1976–31 Dec 1977; 1 Apr 1978–31 Mar 1980; 1 Jul 1984–30 Jun 1986; 1 Jul 1986–30 Jun 1988; 1 Jul 1988–30 Jun 1990; 20 Aug 1990–11 May 1991. Cited in the Orders of the Day, Belgian Army: 6 Jun–30 Sep 1944; 1 Oct–17 Dec 1944; 18 Dec 1944–15 Jan 1945. Belgian Fourragere.

Emblem

A Yellow aerial bomb with nose fins, and winged vane in Blue, slanting downwards with nose centered within a Red circle. Approved on 24 Dec 1941 (46522 A.C.).



494th Fighter Squadron

Constituted 57th Bombardment Squadron (Light) on 20 Nov 1940. Activated on 15 Jan 1941. Redesignated: 57th Bombardment Squadron (Dive) on 28 Aug 1942; 494th Fighter Bomber Squadron on 10 Aug 1943; 494th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 30 May 1944. Inactivated on 7 Nov 1945. Redesignated 494th Fighter-Bomber Squadron on 25 Jun 1952. Activated on 10 Jul 1952. Redesignated: 494th Tactical Fighter Squadron on 8 Jul 1958; 494th Fighter Squadron on 30 Nov 1991.

Assignments

48th Bombardment (later, 48th Fighter-Bomber; 48th Fighter) Group, 15 Jan 1941–7 Nov 1945. 48th Fighter-Bomber Group, 10 Jul 1952; 48th Fighter-Bomber (later, 48th Tactical Fighter; 48th Fighter) Wing, 8 Dec 1957 (attached to 48th Fighter Wing [Provisional], 2 Sep 1990–15 Mar 1991; 7440th Composite Wing, Sep–Dec 1991); 48th Operations Group, 31 Mar 1992–.

Stations

Savannah, GA, 15 Jan 1941; Will Rogers Field, OK, 23 May 1941; Savannah, GA, 7 Feb 1942; Key Field, MS, 28 Jun 1942; William Northern Field, TN, 15 Aug 1943; Walterboro AAfld, SC, 27 Jan–13 Mar 1944; Ibsley, England, 29 Mar 1944; Deux Jumeaux, France, 4 Jul 1944; Villacoublay, France, 29 Aug 1944; Cambrai/Niergnies, France, 15 Sep 1944; St Trond, Belgium, 30 Sep 1944; Kelz, Germany, 26 Mar 1945; Kassel, Germany, c. 17 Apr 1945; Illesheim, Germany, 29 Apr 1945; Laon, France, 5 Jul–Aug 1945; Seymour Johnson Field, NC, 9 Sep–7 Nov 1945. Chaumont AB, France, 10 Jul 1952; RAF Lakenheath, England, 15 Jan 1960– (deployed to Taif, Saudi Arabia, 2 Sep 1990–15 Mar 1991; Incirlik AB, Turkey, Sep–Dec 1991).

Aircraft

A–18, 1941; A–20, 1941–1942; A–35, 1942–1943; P–40, 1943; P–39, 1943–1944; P–47, 1944–1945. F–84, 1952–1954; F–86, 1953–1956; F–100, 1956–1972; F–4, 1974–1977; F–111, 1977–1992; F–15, 1992–.

Operations

Antisubmarine patrols, Mar–Apr 1942. Replacement training unit, 1942–1943. Combat in ETO, 20 Apr 1944–4 May 1945. Not operational, Feb 1972–Jun 1974. Participated in air raid on Tripoli, Libya, 14/15 Apr 1986. Combat in Southwest Asia, Jan–Feb 1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater; Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: Germany, 6 Dec 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1961–29 Feb 1964; 1 Jul 1966–30 Jun 1968; 14 Oct 1976–31 Dec 1977; 1 Apr 1978–31 Mar 1980; 1 Jul 1984–30 Jun 1986; 1 Jul 1986–30 Jun 1988; 1 Jul 1988–30 Jun 1990; 20 Aug 1990–11 May 1991. Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation: Libya, 10–16 Apr 1986. Cited in the Orders of the Day, Belgian Army: 6 Jun–30 Sep 1944; 1 Oct–17 Dec 1944; 18 Dec 1944–15 Jan 1945. Belgian Fourragere.

Emblem

On a White disc bordered Red a predominate Red striped Air Force Yellow and Air Force Blue “Mach” chevron in flight diagonally to upper dexter, a Gray-edged White vapor trail curving from upper sinister of chevron to Gray aircraft/missile over to dexter in parallel flight line with chevron. Horizontally at bottom Gray-edged White cloud formations. A Black panther shaded White and Gray, face front, Red eyes and tongue, Yellow extended claws, springing forward from center over vapor trail. Approved on 6 Dec 1963 (K 15049); replaced emblem approved on 22 Aug 1942 (46522 A.C.).



510th Fighter Squadron

Constituted 625th Bombardment Squadron (Dive) on 4 Feb 1943. Activated on 1 Mar 1943. Redesignated: 510th Fighter-Bomber Squadron on 10 Aug 1943; 510th Fighter-Bomber Squadron, Single Engine, on 20 Aug 1943; 510th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 30 May 1944. Inactivated on 27 Oct 1945. Redesignated 510th Fighter-Bomber Squadron on 15 Oct 1952. Activated on 1 Dec 1952. Inactivated on 1 Jul 1958. Redesignated 510th Tactical Fighter Squadron on 11 Mar 1959. Activated on 9 Apr 1959. Inactivated on 15 Nov 1969. Activated on 1 Oct 1978. Inactivated on 1 Feb 1994. Redesignated 510th Fighter Squadron on 23 Mar 1994. Activated on 1 Jul 1994.

Assignments

405th Bombardment (later, 405th Fighter-Bomber; 405th Fighter) Group, 1 Mar 1943–27 Oct 1945. 405th Fighter-Bomber Group, 1 Dec 1952; 405th Fighter-Bomber Wing, 8 Oct 1957–1 Jul 1958. 405th Fighter Wing, 9 Apr 1959 (attached to Joint Task Force 116, 16 May–8 Jun 1962); 3d Tactical Fighter Wing, 16 Mar 1964–15 Nov 1969 (attached to 405th Fighter Wing, c. 8 May–17 Aug 1965). 81st Tactical Fighter Wing, 1 Oct 1978; 52d Operations Group, 1 Oct 1992–1 Feb 1994. 31st Operations Group, 1 Jul 1994–.

Stations

Drew Field, FL, 1 Mar 1943; Walterboro AAFld, SC, 13 Sep 1943–14 Feb 1944; Christchurch, England, 6 Mar–22 Jun 1944; Picauville, France, 30 Jun 1944; St Dizier, France, 11 Sep 1944; Ophoven, Belgium, 6 Feb 1945; Kitzingen, Germany, 23 Apr 1945; Straubing, Germany, 14 May–2 Jul 1945; Camp Kilmer, NJ, 25–27 Oct 1945. Godman AFB, KY, 1 Dec 1952; Langley AFB, VA, 17 Apr 1953–1 Jul 1958. Clark AB, Luzon, 9 Apr 1959–14 Mar 1964 (deployed at Chai-Yi AB, Taiwan, 1–8 Jul and 2–12 Nov 1959; at Takhli RTAFB, Thailand, 11 May–8 Jun 1962); England AFB, LA, 16 Mar 1964–7 Nov 1965 (deployed at Clark AB, Philippines, 8 May–20 Aug 1965); Bien Hoa AB, South Vietnam, 10 Nov 1965–15 Nov 1969. RAF Bentwaters, England, 1 Oct 1978; Spangdahlem AB, Germany, 4 Jan 1993–1 Feb 1994. Aviano AB, Italy, 1 Jul 1994–.

Aircraft

A–24, 1943; P–39, 1943; P–47, 1943–1945. F–84, 1953–1956; F–100, 1956–1958. F–100, 1959–1969. A–10, 1979–.

Operations

Combat in ETO, 11 Apr 1944–1 May 1945. Combat in Southeast Asia, 12 Nov 1965–15 Oct 1969. Close air support for NATO exercises, Aug 1979–Dec 1992. Deployed aircraft and personnel to Turkey to support Kurdish relief in Northern Iraq, 6 Sep–10 Dec 1991, 8 Apr–10 Jun 1992, and 6 Aug–30 Oct 1992.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater. Vietnam: Vietnam Defensive; Vietnam Air; Vietnam Air Offensive; Vietnam

Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air/Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; TET 69/Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer-Fall, 1969; Vietnam Winter-Spring, 1970.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: France, 24 Sep 1944. Presidential Unit Citations (Vietnam): 8 Jun 1966–16 Apr 1967; 6 Mar 1968–31 Jul 1969. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat “V” Device: 31 Jan–5 Mar 1968; 1 Aug–16 Nov 1969. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Nov 1960–30 Jun 1961; 1 May 1964–16 Jul 1965; 1 Jul 1979–30 Jun 1981; 1 Jul 1981–30 Jun 1983; 1 Jun 1989–31 May 1991; 1 Jun 1991–30 Jun 1993. Cited in the Order of the Day, Belgian Army: 6 Jun–30 Sep 1944. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Crosses with Palm: 25 Nov 1965–19 May 1969; 1 Apr 1966–15 Nov 1969.

Emblem

On a disc per bend Royal Purple and Black; between a bendlet White, a falcon’s head, erased fesswise, of the last, shaded Light Blue, eye and pupil indicated in Black; his beak open; and issuing from base a demi-sphere Light Blue, outline and grid lines White; centered on the bendlet an atomic symbol of three entwined White elliptical rings around a Red atom; the perimeter of the rings marked with six smaller atoms; three lightning bolts radiating downward from the symbol over the sphere all White; a diminutive border around the shield of the second. Approved on 14 Feb 1957 (K 7475); replaced emblems approved on 8 Sep 1953 (47561 A.C.) and 7 Jul 1944 (46291 A.C.).



512th Special Operations Squadron

Constituted 512th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 19 Oct 1942. Activated on 31 Oct 1942. Redesignated: 512th Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, on 3 May 1944; 512th Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, on 23 May 1945. Inactivated on 26 Mar 1946. Redesignated 512th Reconnaissance Squadron, Very Long Range, Weather, on 6 May 1947. Activated on 23 May 1947. Inactivated on 20 Sep 1948. Activated on 13 Feb 1949. Inactivated on 20 Feb 1951. Redesignated 512th Bombardment Squadron, Medium, on 25 May 1951. Activated on 1 Jun 1951. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 15 Mar 1965. Redesignated 512th Special Operations Squadron on 25 Mar 1994. Activated 1 Apr 1994.

Assignments

376th Bombardment Group, 31 Oct 1942; 468th Bombardment Group, 10 Nov 1945–26 Mar 1946. 376th Reconnaissance Group, 23 May 1947; Air Weather Service, 16 Sep 1947; 308th Reconnaissance Group, 14 Oct 1947–20 Sep 1948. 308th Reconnaissance Group, 13 Feb 1949; 2143d Air Weather Wing, 14 Nov 1949–20 Feb 1951. 376th Bombardment Group, 1 Jun 1951 (attached to 376th Bombardment Wing, 1 Jun 1951–15 Jun 1952); 376th Bombardment Wing, 16 Jun 1952–15 Mar 1965. 58th Operations Group, 1 Apr 1994–.

Stations

Lydda, Palestine, 31 Oct 1942; Abu Sueir, Egypt, 9 Nov 1942; Gambut, Libya, 10 Feb 1943; Soluch, Libya, 25 Feb 1943; Bengasi, Libya, 16 Apr 1943; Enfidaville, Tunisia, c. 26 Sep 1943 (detachment operated from Bengasi, Libya, 3–11 Oct 1943); San Pancrazio, Italy, c. 19 Nov 1943–19 Apr 1945; Harvard AAFld, NE, 8 May 1945; Grand Island AAFld, NE, 25 Jun 1945; Tarrant Field, TX, 10 Nov 1945; Roswell AAFld, NM, 9 Jan–26 Mar 1946. Gravelly Point, VA, 23 May 1947–20 Sep 1948. Fairfield-Suisun AFB, CA, 13 Feb 1949–9 Jan 1950; Yokota AB, Japan, 27 Jan 1950; Misawa AB, Japan, 11 Aug 1950–20 Feb 1951. Forbes AFB, KS, 1 Jun 1951; Barksdale AFB, LA, 10 Oct 1951 (deployed at Upper Heyford RAF, England, 8 Jul–16 Oct 1955); Lockbourne AFB, OH, 1 Dec 1957–15 Mar 1965. Kirtland AFB, NM, 1 Apr 1994–.

Aircraft

B–17, 1942; B–24, 1942–1945; B–29, 1945. B/RB/WB–29, 1949–1951; C–47, 1949–1950; C–54, 1950–1951. B–29, 1951–1954; B–47, 1954–1961; E(later, EB)–47, 1961–1965.

Operations

Combat in MTO and ETO, 1 Nov 1942–15 Apr 1943; not fully manned or equipped, 10 Nov 1945–26 Mar 1946. Not manned, 23 May 1947–20 Sep 1948. Weather reconnaissance during the Korean War, c. 1 Jul 1950–Feb 1951. Primarily trained in electronic countermeasures, c. Nov 1952–Mar 1965.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Egypt-Libya; Air Offensive, Europe; Tunisia; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Anzio; Rome-Arno; Normandy; Northern France; Southern France;

North Apennines; Rhineland; Central Europe; Po Valley; Air Combat, EAME Theater. Korea: UN Defensive; UN Offensive; CCF Intervention; First UN Counteroffensive.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: North Africa and Sicily, [Nov] 1942–17 Aug 1943; Ploesti, Rumania, 1 Aug 1943; Bratislava, Czechoslovakia, 16 Jun 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award: 27 Jun–27 Dec 1950.

Emblem

On a White disc, a Black skull and cross bones surmounting a Black three-bladed propeller, one blade to base, within border formed by Red counter-clockwise, stylized rotation lines from tips of propeller blades. Approved on 6 Jan 1944 (23718 A.C.).



514th Flight Test Squadron

Constituted 514th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 19 Oct 1942. Activated on 31 Oct 1942. Redesignated: 514th Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, on 3 May 1944; 514th Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, on 23 May 1945. Inactivated on 7 Mar 1946. Redesignated 514th Reconnaissance Squadron, Very Long Range, Weather, on 16 Sep 1947. Activated on 15 Oct 1947. Inactivated on 20 Feb 1951. Redesignated 514th Bombardment Squadron, Medium, on 25 May 1951. Activated on 1 Jun 1951. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 15 Mar 1965. Consolidated (1 Oct 1992) with the 6514th Test Squadron, which was designated, and activated, on 15 May 1970. Redesignated: 514th Test Squadron on 2 Oct 1992; 514th Flight Test Squadron on 1 Mar 1994.

Assignments

376th Bombardment Group, 31 Oct 1942; 498th Bombardment Group, 10 Nov 1945–7 Mar 1946. 43d (later, 2143d Air) Weather Wing, 15 Oct 1947–20 Feb 1951. 376th Bombardment Group, 1 Jun 1951 (attached to 376th Bombardment Wing, 1 Jun 1951–15 Jun 1952); 376th Bombardment Wing, 16 Jun 1952–15 Mar 1965. 6512th Test Group (later, 6510th Test Wing), 15 May 1970; Air Force Flight Test Center, 1 Jan 1973; 6510th Test Wing, 1 Mar 1978; 6545th (later, 545th) Test Group, 1 Jan 1979; Ogden Air Logistics Center, 30 Sep 1995–.

Stations

Lydda, Palestine, 31 Oct 1942; Abu Sueir, Egypt, 8 Nov 1942; Gambut, Libya, 10 Feb 1943; Soluch, Libya, 25 Feb 1943; Bengasi, Libya, c. 6 Apr 1943; Enfidaville, Tunisia, 26 Sep 1943 (detachment operated from Bengasi, Libya, 3–11 Oct 1943); San Pancrazio, Italy, 18 Nov 1943–19 Apr 1945; Harvard AAFld, NE, 8 May 1945; Grand Island AAFld, NE, 25 Jun 1945; March Field, CA, 10 Nov 1945; MacDill Field, FL, 22 Dec 1945–7 Mar 1946. North Field, Guam, 15 Oct 1947–20 Feb 1951. Forbes AFB, KS, 1 Jun 1951; Barksdale AFB, LA, 10 Oct 1951; Lockbourne AFB, OH, 1 Dec 1957–15 Mar 1965. Edwards AFB, CA, 15 May 1970; Hill AFB, UT, 18 Sep 1973–.

Aircraft

B–17, 1942; B–24, 1942–1945; B–29, 1945. B\TB\RB\WB–29, 1947–1951; C–54, 1948–1951; C–47, 1949–1950. B–29, 1951–1954; B–47, 1954–1961; E(later, EB)–47, 1961–1965.

Operations

Combat in MTO and ETO, c. 1 Nov 1942–15 Apr 1945. Weather reconnaissance in support of Korean War, Jul 1950–10 Feb 1951. Primarily electronic countermeasures, c. Nov 1952–Mar 1965. Tested unmanned vehicles and drones, May 1970–.

Service Streamers

Korean Theater.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Egypt-Libya; Air Offensive Europe; Tunisia; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Anzio; Rome-Arno; Normandy; Northern France; Southern France; North Apennines; Rhineland; Central Europe; Po Valley; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: North Africa and Sicily, [Nov] 1942–17 Aug 1943; Ploesti, Rumania, 1 Aug 1943; Bratislava, Czechoslovakia, 16 Jun 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 15 May 1970–14 Jan 1971; 1 Jul 1973–30 Jun 1975; 1 Jul 1975–31 Dec 1976; 1 Jan 1979–31 Dec 1980; 1 Jan 1982–31 Dec 1983; 1 Jan–31 Dec 1984; 1 Jan 1985–31 Dec 1986.

Emblem

Azure, two pairs of hands issuing from sinister base grasping a crescent Gules surmounted by two lightning flashes palewise in fess the dexter point up the sinister point to base Or overall in chief a boomerang Orange; all within a diminished bordure of the second. *MOTTO*: QUAERITE OPTIMUM—Seek the Optimum. Approved on 18 Apr 1990; replaced emblems approved on 26 Mar 1957 (4233 A.C.) and 6 Jan 1944 (23719 A.C.).



517th Airlift Squadron

Constituted 17th Transport Squadron on 20 Nov 1940. Activated on 11 Dec 1940. Redesignated 17th Troop Carrier Squadron on 4 Jul 1942. Inactivated on 31 Jul 1945. Activated on 19 May 1947. Inactivated on 10 Sep 1948. Redesignated 17th Troop Carrier Squadron, Medium, on 3 Jul 1952. Activated on 14 Jul 1952. Inactivated on 21 Jul 1954. Activated on 24 Oct 1960. Organized on 8 Feb 1961. Redesignated: 17th Troop Carrier Squadron on 8 Dec 1965; 17th Tactical Airlift Squadron on 1 Sep 1967; 517th Airlift Squadron on 1 Apr 1992.

Assignments

64th Transport (later, 64th Troop Carrier) Group, 11 Dec 1940–31 Jul 1945. 64th Troop Carrier Group, 19 May 1947–10 Sep 1948. 64th Troop Carrier Group, 14 Jul 1952–21 Jul 1954. Tactical Air Command, 24 Oct 1960; 64th Troop Carrier Wing, 8 Feb 1961; 516th Troop Carrier Wing, 1 Jan 1963; 5040th Air Base Wing, 15 Jun 1964; 21st Composite Wing, 8 Jul 1966; Twenty-Second Air Force, 31 Mar 1975; 616th Military Airlift Group, 1 Nov 1975; 3d Operations Group, 1 Apr 1992–.

Stations

McClellan Field, CA, 11 Jul 1940; Hamilton Field, CA, 11 Jul 1941; Westover Field, MA, 13 Jun–31 Jul 1942; Ramsbury, England, 18 Aug 1942; Greenham Common Airdrome, England, 26 Sep 1942; Blida, Algeria, 27 Nov 1942 (air echelon operated from Nouvion, Algeria, 6–27 Jun 1943 and Kairouan, Tunisia, 27 Jun–26 Jul 1943); Kairouan, Tunisia, 29 Jun 1943; El Djem, Tunisia, 26 Jul 1943; Milo/Trapani Airdrome, Sicily, 1 Sep 1943; Comiso, Sicily, 4 Sep 1943 (air echelon operated from Lalmia, India, 7 Apr–9 Jun 1944); Ciampino, Italy, 8 Jul 1944 (operated from Istres, France, 8 Sep–11 Nov 1944); Rosignano Airfield, Italy, 10 Jan–23 May 1945; Waller Field, Trinidad, 4 Jun–31 Jul 1945. Langley Field, VA, 19 May 1947–10 Sep 1948. Donaldson AFB, SC, 14 Jul 1952–21 Jul 1954. Dyess AFB, TX, 8 Feb 1961; Elmendorf AFB, AK, 15 Jun 1964–.

Aircraft

C–47, 1941–1945. None, 1947–1948. C–82, 1952–1953; C–119, 1953–1954. C–130, 1961–; C–124, 1970–1971; C–12, 1992–.

Operations

World War II: Included airborne assaults on Sicily and Southern France; support for partisans in Northern Italy, Jan–May 1945; aerial transportation in MTO, and briefly in CBI. Unmanned, 1947–1948. Resupplied Distant Early Warning (DEW) line sites in Northern Canada and radar sites in Greenland, 1964–1975. Parts of the squadron deployed to South Vietnam, 1967–1968 to provide tactical airlift. Provided C–130 aircraft and crews for Pacific airlift to Southwest Asia, Aug–Nov 1990.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Algeria-French Morocco; Tunisia; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Rome-Arno; Southern France; North Apennines; Po Valley, India-Burma.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: CBI Theater, 7 Apr–15 Jun 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat “V” Device: 2 May 1967–1 Jan 1968. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1962–15 Jun 1964; 16 Jun 1964–31 May 1966; 8 Jul 1966–1 May 1967; 2 Jan–31 Dec 1968; 1 Jan–31 Dec 1969; 1 Jan–31 Dec 1970; 1 Jan–31 Dec 1971; 1 Jan–31 Dec 1972; 1 Jan–31 Dec 1974; 1 Jan–30 Mar 1975; 1 Jan–31 Dec 1979; 1 Jun 1986–31 May 1987; 1 Jun 1987–31 May 1989. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 1 Sep 1966–1 Jan 1968.

Emblem

A White disc charged with a Red silhouetted stylized “fire bird” in profile flight. *MOTTO*: VERSATILE, CAPABLE. Approved on 29 Mar 1962 (K 13056); modified in 19 Aug 1970.



522d Fighter Squadron

Constituted 16th Bombardment Squadron (Light) on 22 Dec 1939. Activated on 1 Feb 1940. Redesignated: 522d Fighter-Bomber Squadron on 23 Aug 1943; 522d Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 30 May 1944. Inactivated on 7 Nov 1945. Activated on 20 Aug 1946. Redesignated: 522d Fighter Squadron, Two Engine, on 22 Jul 1947; 522d Fighter Squadron, Jet, on 1 Dec 1949; 522d Fighter-Escort Squadron on 1 Feb 1950; 522d Strategic Fighter Squadron on 20 Jan 1953; 522d Fighter-Bomber Squadron on 1 Jul 1957; 522d Tactical Fighter Squadron on 1 Jul 1958; 522d Fighter Squadron on 1 Nov 1991.

Assignments

27th Bombardment (later, 27th Fighter-Bomber; 27th Fighter) Group, 1 Feb 1940–7 Nov 1945. 27th Fighter (later, 27th Fighter-Escort) Group, 20 Aug 1946 (attached to 27th Fighter-Escort Wing, 6 Aug 1951–15 Jun 1952); 27th Fighter-Escort (later, 27th Strategic Fighter; 27th Fighter-Bomber; 27th Tactical Fighter; 27th Fighter) Wing, 16 Jun 1952 (attached to unkn, 6 Sep–18 Dec 1958; TUSLOG, 18 Oct 1959–22 Feb 1960; 405th Fighter Wing, 13 Feb–c. 7 Mar 1961; TUSLOG, 5 Feb–15 Jun 1962; 2d Air Division, 12 Dec 1962–c. 15 Feb 1963 and 16 Mar–6 May 1964; 405th Fighter Wing, 8 Aug–c. 20 Sep 1964; 2d Air Division, c. 20 Sep–15 Nov 1964; 405th Fighter Wing, 15 Aug–25 Nov 1965); 27th Operations Group, 1 Nov 1991–.

Stations

Barksdale Field, LA, 1 Feb 1940; Hunter Field, GA, 7 Oct 1940–19 Oct 1941; Ft William McKinley, Luzon, 20 Nov 1941; Lipa Airfield, Luzon, 22 Dec 1941; Cabcaben, Luzon, 25 Dec 1941 (air echelon operated from Brisbane, Australia, 24 Dec 1941–16 Feb 1942); Bataan, Luzon, 29 Dec 1941 (air echelon operated from Batchelor, Australia, 17 Feb–c. 8 Mar 1942, and from Brisbane, Australia, c. 10–c. 25 Mar 1942); Charters Towers, Australia, Apr–4 May 1942; Hunter Field, GA, 4 May 1942; Key Field, MS, 14 Jul 1942; Hattiesburg, MS, 15 Aug 1942; Harding Field, LA, 25 Oct–21 Nov 1942; Ste-Barbe-du-Tlelat, Algeria, 26 Dec 1942; Nouvion, Algeria, 5 Jan 1943; Ras el Ma, French Morocco, 4 Apr 1943; Korba, Tunisia, c. 8 Jun 1943; Gela, Sicily, 18 Jul 1943; Barcelona, Sicily, 3 Sep 1943; Capaccio, Italy, 18 Sep 1943; Paestum, Italy, 4 Nov 1943; Pomigliano, Italy, 19 Jan 1944; Castel Volturno, Italy, 10 Apr 1944; Santa Maria, Italy, 9 May 1944; Le Banca, Italy, 7 Jun 1944; Ciampino, Italy, 12 Jun 1944; Voltone, Italy, 4 Jul 1944; Serragia, Corsica, 10 Jul 1944; Le Luc, France, 25 Aug 1944; Salon, France, 30 Aug 1944; Loyettes, France, 11 Sep 1944; Tarquinia, Italy, 2 Oct 1944; Pontedera, Italy, 3 Dec 1944; St Dizier, France, 21 Feb 1945; Toul/Ochey, France, 19 Mar 1945; Biblis, Germany, 5 Apr 1945; Sandhofen, Germany, 23 Jun 1945; Echterdingen, Germany, 15 Sep–20 Oct 1945; Camp Shanks, NY, 6–7 Nov 1945. Fritlzar, Germany, 20 Aug 1946; Bad Kissingen, Germany, 25 Jun 1947; Andrews Field, MD, 25 Jun 1947; Kearney AAFld (later, AFB), NE, 16 Jul 1947; Bergstrom AFB, TX, 16 Mar 1949 (deployed at Taegu AB, South Korea, 5 Dec 1950–30 Jan 1951; Itazuke AB, Japan, 31 Jan–20 Jun 1951; Misawa AB, Japan, 13–16 Oct 1952; Chitose AB, Japan, 17 Oct 1952–c. 13 Feb 1953; Sturgate RAF Station, England, 7 May–17 Aug 1955; Okinawa, 6 Sep–18 Dec 1958); Cannon AFB, NM, 18 Feb

1959– (deployed at Incirlik AB, Turkey, 18 Oct 1959–22 Feb 1960; Clark AB, Philippines, 13 Feb–c. 7 Mar 1961; England AFB, LA, 29 Mar–5 May 1961; Incirlik AB, Turkey, 5 Feb–15 Jun 1962; MacDill AFB, FL, 21 Oct–1 Dec 1962; Takhli RTAFB, Thailand, 12 Dec 1962–c. 15 Feb 1963 and 16 Mar–6 May 1964; Clark AB, Philippines [with further deployments to bases in Southeast Asia], 8 Aug–15 Nov 1964 and 15 Aug–25 Nov 1965; Holloman AFB, NM, 13 Apr–12 May 1966).

Aircraft

Trained with B–18's and A–18's, 1940–1941; A–24, 1941–1942; A–20, 1941, 1942–1943; A–36, 1943–1944; P–40, 1944; P–47, 1944–1945. P–47, 1946–1947; P–51, 1947–1948; F–82, 1948–1950; F–84, 1950–1951, 1951–1957; F–101, 1957–1958, 1958; F–100, 1959–1969; F–111, 1969–1970, 1970–1971 and 1971–.

Operations

Combat in Southwest Pacific, 8 Dec 1941–4 May 1942; ground echelon fought with infantry units in Philippine Islands, Mar–Apr 1942. Combat in MTO and ETO, 6 Jun 1943–4 May 1945. Combat in Korea, c. 8 Dec 1950–c. 1 Jun 1951. Combat in Southeast Asia, c. 20 Sep–15 Nov 1964 and 15 Aug–25 Nov 1965. F–100 replacement training, Jan 1966–Jun 1969. Deployed aircraft and personnel to Turkey, 26 Dec 1992–23 Mar 1993.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Philippine Islands; East Indies; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Anzio; Rome-Arno; Northern France; Southern France; North Apennines; Rhineland; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater. Korea: CCF Intervention; First UN Counteroffensive; CCF Spring Offensive. Vietnam: Vietnam Advisory; Vietnam Defensive.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Philippine Islands, 7 Dec 1941–[Apr] 1942; Philippine Islands, 8–22 Dec 1941; Philippine Islands, 6 Jan–8 Mar 1942; Italy, 10 Sep 1943; France, 4 Sep 1944; Korea, 26 Jan–21 Apr 1951. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jan 1962–1 Jan 1964; 8 Aug–15 Nov

1964; 1 Jan 1981–30 Jun 1982; 1 Jan 1988–31 Dec 1989; 1 Apr 1992–31 Mar 1993. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII). Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation: 9 Nov 1950–31 May 1951.

Emblem

On an roundle Azure, fimbriated Sable, a fire ball, Gules, shooting toward base, surmounting clouds in base proper. Approved on 25 Jun 1951 (41595 A.C.).



523d Fighter Squadron

Constituted 17th Bombardment Squadron (Light) on 22 Dec 1939. Activated on 1 Feb 1940. Redesignated: 523d Fighter-Bomber Squadron on 23 Aug 1943; 523d Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 30 May 1944. Inactivated on 7 Nov 1945. Activated on 20 Aug 1946. Redesignated: 523d Fighter Squadron, Two Engine, on 22 Jul 1947; 523d Fighter Squadron, Jet, on 1 Dec 1949; 523d Fighter-Escort Squadron on 1 Feb 1950; 523d Strategic Fighter Squadron on 20 Jan 1953; 523d Fighter-Bomber Squadron on 1 Jul 1957; 523d Tactical Fighter Squadron on 1 Jul 1958; 523d Fighter Squadron on 1 Nov 1991.

Assignments

27th Bombardment (later, 27th Fighter-Bomber; 27th Fighter) Group, 1 Feb 1940–7 Nov 1945. 27th Fighter (later, 27th Fighter-Escort) Group, 20 Aug 1946 (attached to 27th Fighter-Escort Wing, 6 Aug 1951–15 Jun 1952); 27th Fighter-Escort (later, 27th Strategic Fighter; 27th Fighter-Bomber; 27th Tactical Fighter) Wing, 16 Jun 1952 (attached to TUSLOG, 11 Feb–20 Jun 1960; USAFE, 1 Sep–20 Nov 1961; 4135th Strategic Wing, 12 Apr–6 Jun 1962; TUSLOG, 12 Oct 1962–c. 12 Jan 1963; 39th Air Division, 9 Jun–6 Sep 1964 and 22 Mar–30 Jun 1965); 405th Fighter Wing, 20 Nov 1965 (attached to 432d Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, 9 Apr–24 Oct 1972); 27th Tactical Fighter (later, 27th Fighter) Wing, 31 Aug 1973; 27th Operations Group, 1 Nov 1991–.

Stations

Barksdale Field, LA, 1 Feb 1940; Hunter Field, GA, 7 Oct 1940–19 Oct 1941; Ft William McKinley, Luzon, 20 Nov 1941; San Fernando, Luzon, 22 Dec 1941; Cabcaben, Luzon, 24 Dec 1941 (air echelon operated from Brisbane, Australia, 24 Dec 1941–c. 20 Feb 1942); Limay, Luzon, 28 Dec 1941; Bataan, Luzon, 5 Jan 1942 (air echelon operated from Batchelor, Australia, 22 Feb–c. 8 Mar 1942, and from Brisbane, Australia, 10–c. 25 Mar 1942); Charters Towers, Australia, Apr–4 May 1942; Hunter Field, GA, 4 May 1942; Key Field, MS, 14 Jul 1942; Hattiesburg, MS, 11 Aug 1942; Harding Field, LA, 23 Oct–17 Nov 1942; Ste-Barbe-du-Tielat, Algeria, 26 Dec 1942; Nouvion, Algeria, 9 Jan 1943; Ras el Ma, French Morocco, 1 Apr 1943; Korba, Tunisia, 4 Jun 1943; Gela, Sicily, 18 Jul 1943; Barcelona, Sicily, 5 Sep 1943; Capaccio, Italy, 18 Sep 1943; Gaudo Airfield, Italy, 5 Nov 1943; Pomigliano, Italy, 19 Jan 1944; Castel Volturno, Italy, 10 Apr 1944; Santa Maria, Italy, 9 May 1944; Le Banca, Italy, 6 Jun 1944; Ciampino, Italy, 12 Jun 1944; Voltone, Italy, 4 Jul 1944; Serragia, Corsica, 10 Jul 1944; Le Luc, France, 25 Aug 1944; Salon, France, 30 Aug 1944; Loyettes, France, 12 Sep 1944; Tarquinia, Italy, 2 Oct 1944; Pontedera, Italy, 3 Dec 1944; St Dizier, France, 21 Feb 1945; Toul/Ochey, France, 19 Mar 1945; Biblis, Germany, 6 Apr 1945; Sandhofen, Germany, 24 Jun 1945; Echterdingen, Germany, 15 Sep–20 Oct 1945; Camp Shanks, NY, 6–7 Nov 1945. Fritzlar, Germany, 20 Aug 1946; Bad Kissingen, Germany, 25 Jun 1947; Andrews Field, MD, 25 Jun 1947; Kearney AAFld (later, AFB), NE, 16 Jul 1947 (deployed at McChord AFB, WA, 28 Mar–26 Apr and 28 Apr–18 May 1948); Bergstrom AFB, TX, 16 Mar 1949 (deployed at Taegu AB, South Korea, 5 Dec 1950–30 Jan 1951; Itazuke AB, Japan, 31 Jan–3 Jul 1951; Misawa AB, Japan,

13 Oct 1952–c. 13 Feb 1953; Sturgate RAF Station, England, 7 May–17 Aug 1955); Cannon AFB, NM, 18 Feb 1959–Nov 1965 (deployed at Incirlik AB, Turkey, c. 24 Feb–17 Jun 1960; England AFB, LA, 29 Mar–21 Apr 1961; Chamblay AB, France, c. 5 Sep–20 Nov 1961; Incirlik AB, Turkey, c. 12 Oct 1962–c. 15 Jan 1963; Dhahran AB, Saudi Arabia, c. 17 Sep–20 Nov 1963; Misawa AB, Japan, 12 Jun–4 Sep 1964 [with detachment at Kunsan AB, South Korea, 17 Jun–c. 3 Sep 1964]; Misawa AB, Japan, 22 Mar–2 May 1965 [with detachment at Kunsan AB, South Korea, c. 22 Mar–2 May 1965]; Kunsan AB, South Korea, 2 May–11 Jun 1965; Misawa AB, Japan, 11–30 Jun 1965 [with detachment at Kunsan AB, South Korea, 11–22 Jun 1965]); Clark AB, Philippines, 23 Nov 1965–31 Aug 1973 (deployed at Tainan AB, Taiwan, 12 May–27 Jul 1966; Udorn RTAFB, Thailand, 9 Apr–24 Oct 1972); Cannon AFB, NM, 31 Aug 1973–.

Aircraft

B–18, 1940–1941; A–24, 1941–1942; A–20, 1941, 1942–1943; A–36, 1943–1944; P–40, 1944; P–47, 1944–1945. P–47, 1946–1947; P(later F)–51, 1947–1948; F–82, 1948–1950; F–84, 1950–1957; F–101, 1957–1958; F–100, 1959–1968; F–4, 1967–1973; F–111, 1973–.

Operations

Combat in Southwest Pacific, 8 Dec 1941–4 May 1942; ground echelon fought with infantry units in Philippine Islands, Jan–Apr 1942. Combat in MTO and ETO, 6 Jun 1943–8 May 1945. Combat in Korea, c. 8 Dec 1950–c. 27 Jun 1951. Maintained detachments on alert on Taiwan, Nov 1965–15 Feb 1972 and 15 Jul–31 Aug 1973. Combat in Southeast Asia, c. 9 Apr–23 Oct 1972. F–111 replacement training, 1 Nov 1976–c. Oct 1983.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Philippine Islands; East Indies; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Anzio; Rome-Arno; Northern France; Southern France; North Apennines; Rhineland; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater. Korea: CCF Intervention; First UN Counteroffensive; CCF Spring Offensive. Vietnam: Vietnam Ceasefire.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Philippine Islands, 7 Dec 1941–[Apr] 1942; Philippine Islands, 8–22 Dec 1941; Philippine Islands, 6 Jan–8 Mar 1942; Italy, 10 Sep 1943; France, 4 Sep 1944; Korea, 26 Jan–21 Apr 1951. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 May 1975–31 Dec 1976; 1 Jan 1981–30 Jun 1982; 1 Jan 1988–31 Dec 1989; 1 Jul 1992–15 Jul 1993. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII). Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation: 9 Nov 1950–31 May 1951. Philippine Republic Presidential Unit Citation: 21 Jul–15 Aug 1972.

Emblem

On a Red disc edged with narrow Blue border between a White sword bendwise with blade to base in dexter and a White Crusader Cross in sinister, a Blue band bendwise fimbriated White, on which are three Yellow mullets of four points, one above and two below a White helmet affronte overall, garnished Gray. *MOTTO*: CRUSADERS. Approved on 5 Feb 1974 (KE 54040); replaced emblems approved on 5 Jan 1951 (40710 A.C.) and 4 Nov 1941 (25888 A.C.).



524th Fighter Squadron

Constituted 11th Reconnaissance Squadron (Light) on 20 Nov 1940. Activated on 15 Jan 1941. Redesignated: 91st Bombardment Squadron (Light) on 14 Aug 1941; 524th Fighter-Bomber Squadron on 23 Aug 1943; 524th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, on 30 May 1944. Inactivated on 7 Nov 1945. Activated on 20 Aug 1946. Redesignated: 524th Fighter Squadron, Two Engine, on 22 Jul 1947; 524th Fighter Squadron, Jet, on 1 Dec 1949; 524th Fighter-Escort Squadron on 1 Feb 1950; 524th Strategic Fighter Squadron on 20 Jan 1953; 524th Fighter-Bomber Squadron on 1 Jul 1957; 524th Tactical Fighter Squadron on 1 Jul 1958; 524th Tactical Fighter Training Squadron on 8 Jul 1980; 524th Fighter Squadron on 1 Nov 1991.

Assignments

27th Bombardment (later, 27th Fighter-Bomber; 27th Fighter) Group, attached on 15 Jan 1941, assigned 14 Aug 1941–7 Nov 1945. 27th Fighter (later, 27th Fighter-Escort) Group, 20 Aug 1946 (attached to 136th Fighter-Bomber Wing, 30 Jun–12 Aug 1951; 27th Fighter-Escort Wing, 25 Aug 1951–15 Jun 1952); 27th Fighter-Escort (later, 27th Strategic Fighter; 27th Fighter-Bomber; 27th Tactical Fighter; 27th Fighter) Wing, 16 Jun 1952 (attached to unkn, 17 Jun– 8 Jul 1959; TUSLOG, 10 Feb–16 Jun 1961; 4158th Strategic Wing, 30 Oct–14 Nov 1961; 2d Air Division, 9–c. 27 Jun 1963 and 21 Jan–19 Mar 1964; 39th Air Division, 1 Dec 1964–28 Mar 1965); 27th Operations Group, 1 Nov 1991–.

Stations

Hunter Field, GA, 15 Jan–19 Oct 1941; Ft William McKinley, Luzon, 20 Nov 1941; San Marceleno, Luzon, 22 Dec 1941 (air echelon operated from Brisbane, Australia, 24 Dec 1941–5 Feb 1942); Limay, Luzon, 25 Dec 1941; Bataan, Luzon, 5 Jan 1942 (air echelon operated from Malang, Java, 18 Feb–c. 1 Mar 1942, and from Brisbane, Australia, 10–24 Mar 1942); Charters Towers, Australia, Apr–4 May 1942; Hunter Field, GA, 4 May 1942; Key Field, MS, 15 Jul 1942; Hattiesburg, MS, 15 Aug 1942; Harding Field, LA, 26 Oct–21 Nov 1942; Ste-Barbe-du-Tlelat, Algeria, 26 Dec 1942; Nouvion, Algeria, 7 Jan 1943; Ras el Ma, French Morocco, 6 Apr 1943; Korba, Tunisia, 4 Jun 1943; Gela, Sicily, 18 Jul 1943; San Antonio, Sicily, 3 Sep 1943; Capaccio, Italy, 18 Sep 1943; Guado Airfield, Italy, 4 Nov 1943; Pomigliano, Italy, 19 Jan 1944; Castel Volturno, Italy, 10 Apr 1944; Santa Maria, Italy, 8 May 1944; Le Banca, Italy, 7 Jun 1944; Ciampino, Italy, 11 Jun 1944; Voltone, Italy, 4 Jul 1944; Sarragia, Corsica, 13 Jul 1944; Le Luc, France, 25 Aug 1944; Salon, France, 30 Aug 1944; Loyettes, France, 12 Sep 1944; Tarquinia, Italy, 2 Oct 1944; Pontedera, Italy, 1 Dec 1944; St Dizier, France, 21 Feb 1944; Toul/Ochey, France, 19 Mar 1945; Biblis, Germany, 5 Apr 1945; Sandhofen, Germany, 24 Jun 1945; Echterdingen, Germany, 15 Sep–20 Oct 1945; Camp Shanks, NY, 6–7 Nov 1945. Fritzlar, Germany, 20 Aug 1946; Bad Kissingen, Germany, 25 Jun 1947; Andrews Field, MD, 25 Jun 1947; Kearney AAFld (later, AFB), NE, 16 Jul 1947; Bergstrom AFB, TX, 16 Mar 1949 (deployed at Taegu AB, South Korea, 5 Dec 1950–30 Jan 1951; Itazuke AB, Japan, 31 Jan–12 Aug 1951; Misawa AB, Japan, 13 Oct 1952–c. 13 Feb 1953; Sturgate RAF Station, England, 7 May–19 Aug 1955); Cannon AFB, NM, 18 Feb 1959– (deployed at Hahn AB, Germany, 17 Jun–8 Jul

1959; Incirlik AB, Turkey, 10 Feb–16 Jun 1961; Elmendorf AFB, AK, 30 Oct–14 Nov 1961; MacDill AFB, FL, 21 Oct–1 Dec 1962; Takhli RTAFB, Thailand, 9–c. 27 Jun 1963 and 21 Jan–19 Mar 1964; Misawa AB, Japan, [with detachment at Kunsan AB, South Korea], 1 Dec 1964–28 Mar 1965; Holloman AFB, NM, 13 Apr–12 May 1966).

Aircraft

B–18, 1941; A–24, 1941–1942; A–20, 1941, 1942–1943; A–36, 1943–1944; P–40, 1944; P–47, 1944–1945. P–47, 1946–1947; P–51, 1947–1948; F–82, 1948–1950; F–84, 1950–1958; F–101, 1957–1958; F–100, 1959–1969, 1969–1972; F–111, 1972–.

Operations

Combat in Southwest Pacific, 8 Dec 1941–4 May 1942; ground echelon fought with infantry units in Philippine Islands, Jan–Apr 1942. Combat in MTO and ETO, 6 Jun 1943–4 May 1945. Combat in Korea, c. 8 Dec 1950–3 Aug 1951. F–100 replacement training, 1 Jan 1966–6 Mar 1969. Fighter training, 1 Jan 1980–.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Philippine Islands; East Indies; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Anzio; Rome-Arno; Northern France; Southern France; North Apennines; Rhineland; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater. Korea: CCF Intervention; First UN Counteroffensive; CCF Spring Offensive; UN Summer-Fall Offensive.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Philippine Islands, 7 Dec 1941–[Apr] 1942; Philippine Islands, 8–22 Dec 1941; Philippine Islands, 6 Jan–8 Mar 1942; Italy, 10 Sep 1943; France, 4 Sep 1944; Korea, 26 Jan–21 Apr 1951. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 15 Aug 1968–15 Aug 1969; 1 Jan 1981–30 Jun 1982; 1 Jan 1988–31 Dec 1989; 1 Apr–30 Sep 1992. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII). Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation: 9 Nov 1950–31 May 1951.

Emblem

On a Light Blue disc fimbriated White a stylized White cloud formation surmounted by a Yellow lightning flash issuing bendwise sinister from sinister chief, overall a Black silhouette of a hound rampant, all within a Blue border semi of mullets of the first. *MOTTO*: HOUNDS OF HEAVEN.
Approved on 21 Jan 1955(K 11365).



550th Special Operations Squadron

Designated 1550th Flying Training Squadron, and activated, on 1 Apr 1971. Redesignated: 550th Flying Training Squadron on 1 Oct 1991; 550th Special Operations Squadron on 1 Apr 1994.

Assignments

1550th Aircrew Training and Test (later, 1550th Combat Crew Training) Wing, 1 Apr 1971; 542d Operations Group, 1 Oct 1991; 58th Operations Group, 1 Apr 1994–.

Stations

Hill AFB, UT, 1 Apr 1971; Kirtland AFB, NM, 15 Mar 1976–.

Aircraft

TH–1, 1971–1987; UH–1, 1971–1987; HH–43, 1973–1975; HC–130, 1987–.

Operations

Developed, conducted, and monitored helicopter flying training, 1971–1987, in addition to search and rescue missions, 1976–1987. Special operations training, 1987–.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Apr 1974–31 Mar 1976; 1 Apr 1976–31 Mar 1978; 1 Jul 1985–30 Jun 1987; 1 Jul 1987–30 Jan 1989.

Emblem

On a Blue disc, in front of a Zia Indian sun, sign in proper colors a Gray wolf detailed Black with a Yellow eye; all within a narrow Yellow border. Approved on 22 May 1984 (DFSC 84–11025); modified on 25 Nov 1987 (DFSC 88–02471).



551st Special Operations Squadron

Designated 1551st Flying Training Squadron, and activated, on 1 Apr 1971. Redesignated: 551st Flying Training Squadron on 1 Oct 1991; 551st Special Operations Squadron on 1 Apr 1994.

Assignments

1550th Aircrew Training and Test (later, 1550th Combat Crew Training) Wing, 1 Apr 1971; 542d Operations Group, 1 Oct 1991; 58th Operations Group, 1 Apr 1994–.

Stations

Hill AFB, UT, 1 Apr 1971; Kirtland AFB, NM, 15 Mar 1976–.

Aircraft

H–3, 1971–1992; H–43, 1971–1975; H–53, 1971–1987; HC–130, 1973–1987; UH–1, 1987–; H–60, 1990–.

Operations

Conducted flying training in helicopters, and responsible for special operations contingencies and humanitarian rescue missions, 1971–present.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Apr 1974–31 May 1976; 1 Apr 1976–31 Mar 1978; 1 Jul 1985–30 Jun 1987; 1 Jul 1987–30 Jan 1989.

Emblem

Per pale Sable and Or an owl descending per pale Azure and proper eyed Gules below in dexter chief five mullets of four points three diminished bendwise two bendwise sinister Argent and in sinister chief a zia sun of the fourth, all within a diminished bordure Brown. *MOTTO*: THE BEST TEACH THE BEST. Approved on 9 Oct 1992 (DFSC 94–01125); replaced emblem approved on 9 Oct 1986 (DFSC 87–01387).



555th Fighter Squadron

Constituted 555th Bombardment Squadron (Medium) on 25 Nov 1942. Activated on 1 Dec 1942. Redesignated: 555th Bombardment Squadron, Medium, on 9 Oct 1944; 555th Bombardment Squadron, Light, on 23 Jun 1945. Inactivated on 7 Nov 1945. Redesignated 555th Tactical Fighter Squadron, activated, and organized, on 8 Jan 1964. Redesignated: 555th Tactical Fighter Training Squadron on 5 Jul 1974; 555th Fighter Squadron on 1 Nov 1991. Inactivated on 25 Mar 1994. Activated on 1 Apr 1994.

Assignments

386th Bombardment Group, 1 Dec 1942–7 Nov 1945. 12th Tactical Fighter Wing, 8 Jan 1964 (attached to 51st Fighter Interceptor Wing, 12 Dec 1964–9 Mar 1965, 11 Dec 1965–21 Feb 1966, and 8th Tactical Fighter Wing, c. 22 Feb–4 Mar 1966); Thirteenth Air Force, 4 Mar 1966 (attached to 8th Tactical Fighter Wing, 4–24 Mar 1966); 8th Tactical Fighter Wing, 25 Mar 1966; 432d Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, 1 Jun 1968; 58th Tactical Fighter (later, 58th Tactical) Training Wing, 5 Jul 1974; 405th Tactical Training Wing, 29 Aug 1979; 58th Operations Group, 1 Oct 1991–25 Mar 1994. 31st Operations Group, 1 Apr 1994–.

Stations

MacDill Field, FL, 1 Dec 1942; Lake Charles AAB, LA, 9 Feb–8 May 1943; Snetterton Heath, England, 4 Jun 1943; Boxted, England, 10 Jun 1943; Great Dunmow, England, 24 Sep 1943; Beaumont-sur-Oise, France, 2 Oct 1944; St Trond, Belgium, 9 Apr–27 Jul 1945; Seymour Johnson Field, NC, 11 Aug 1945; Westover Field, MA, 29 Sep–7 Nov 1945. MacDill AFB, FL, 8 Jan 1964 (deployed to Naha AB, Okinawa, 12 Dec 1964–9 Mar 1965 and 11 Dec 1965–c. 21 Feb 1966); Udorn RTAFB, Thailand, c. 25 Feb 1966; Ubon RTAFB, Thailand, 20 Jul 1966; Udorn RTAFB, Thailand, 28 May 1968–5 Jul 1974; Luke AFB, AZ, 5 Jul 1974–25 Mar 1994. Aviano AB, Italy, 1 Apr 1994–.

Aircraft

B–26, 1943–1945; A–26, 1945. F–4, 1964–1974; F–15, 1974–.

Operations

Combat in ETO, 30 Jul 1943–3 May 1945. Combat in Southeast Asia, Feb 1966 until close of hostilities. Fighter training, Jul 1974–.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater. Vietnam: Vietnam Air; Vietnam Air Offensive; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air/Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; TET 69/Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer-Fall 1969; Vietnam Winter-Spring 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon; Commando Hunt V; Commando Hunt VI; Commando Hunt VII; Vietnam Ceasefire.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: ETO, 30 Jul 1943–30 Jul 1944. Presidential Unit Citations (Southeast Asia): 16 Dec 1966–2 Jan 1967; 1 Mar 1967–31 Mar 1968; 1 Nov 1968–31 Oct 1969. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat “V” Device: 25 Mar–31 May 1966; 1 Apr–28 May 1968; 21 Nov 1969–20 Nov 1970; 21 Nov 1970–6 Apr 1971; 18 Dec 1972–27 Jan 1973. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 15 Oct 1965–25 Mar 1966; 22 Jun–31 Dec 1976; 1 Jan 1978–31 Dec 1979; 1 Aug 1982–31 May 1984; 1 Oct 1989–30 Sep 1991. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 1 Apr 1966–28 Jan 1973.

Emblem

On a Blue disc below a Yellow demi-sun in the top of the disc, issuing from sinister an eagle, upper body Brown, head and neck White, beak Yellow, details Black, the disc within a Black encircling band bearing 39 White five-pointed stars. *MOTTO*: TRIPLE NICKEL. Approved on 13 Mar 1975 (KE 55163); replaced emblem approved on 19 Apr 1943 (K 2705).



557th Flying Training Squadron

Constituted 557th Bombardment Squadron (Medium) on 25 Nov 1942. Activated on 1 Dec 1942. Redesignated 557th Bombardment Squadron, Medium, on 9 Oct 1944. Inactivated on 12 Nov 1945. Consolidated (19 Sep 1985) with the 557th Tactical Fighter Squadron, which was constituted, and activated, on 17 Apr 1962. Organized on 25 Apr 1962. Inactivated on 31 Mar 1970. Redesignated 557th Flying Training Squadron on 18 Jun 1974. Activated on 31 Jul 1974.

Assignments

387th Bombardment Group, 1 Dec 1942–12 Nov 1945. Tactical Air Command, 17 Apr 1962; 12th Tactical Fighter Wing, 25 Apr 1962; 836th Air Division, 8 Nov 1965; 12th Tactical Fighter Wing, 1 Dec 1965–31 Mar 1970. Air Training Command, 31 Jul 1974; United States Air Force Academy, 1 Oct 1982; 12th Operations Group, 1 Jul 1993–.

Stations

MacDill Field, FL, 1 Dec 1942; Lakeland AAFld, FL, 12 Apr 1943; Godman Field, KY, 12 May–10 Jun 1943; Chipping Ongar, England, 1 Jul 1943; Stoney Cross, England, c. 21 Jul 1944; Maupertuis, France, c. 27 Aug 1944; Chateaudun, France, c. 18 Sep 1944; Clastres, France, c. 2 Nov 1944; Beek, Holland, c. 2 May 1945; Rosieres-en-Santerre, France, c. 27 May–c. 4 Nov 1945; Camp Kilmer, NJ, 11–12 Nov 1945. MacDill AFB, FL, 25 Apr 1962–Nov 1965; Cam Ranh Bay AB, South Vietnam, 1 Dec 1965–31 Mar 1970. USAF Academy, CO, 31 Jul 1974–.

Operations

Combat in ETO, 31 Jul 1943–19 Apr 1945. Combat in Southeast Asia, 1 Dec 1965–10 Mar 1970. Provided basic flight training at the USAFA, 31 Jul 1974–.

Aircraft

B–26, 1942–1945. F–84, 1962–1964; F–4, 1964–1970. T–41, 1974–; UV–18, 1979–1982.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe. Vietnam: Vietnam Defensive; Vietnam Air; Vietnam Air Offensive; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air/Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; TET 69/Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer-Fall, 1969; Vietnam Winter-Spring, 1970.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Forces

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: Germany, 23 Dec 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat “V” Device: 1 Dec 1965–30 May 1966; 1 Jun 1966–31 May 1967; 1 Jun 1967–31 May 1968; 1 Jun 1968–31 May 1969; 1 Jun 1969–[10] Mar 1970. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jan 1979–30 Apr 1980; 30 Mar 1981–31 Oct 1982; 1 Jan 1983–18 Dec 1984. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: [1 Dec] 1965–[10] Mar 1970.

Emblem

On a Blue disc edged with a narrow Yellow border, a White horizontal vapor stream on which is a stylized aircraft in horizontal flight; overall on a Brown jesse detailed Black, a falcon, Gray with White head and neck, Yellow beak and claws, Gray talons, eyes, feathers and highlight detail Black. Approved on 8 Sep 1975 (KE 56529); replaced emblem approved on 19 Apr 1943 (23724 A.C.).



558th Flying Training Squadron

Constituted 558th Bombardment Squadron (Medium), on 25 Nov 1942. Activated on 1 Dec 1942. Redesignated 558th Bombardment Squadron, Medium, on 9 Oct 1944. Inactivated on 12 Nov 1945. Consolidated (19 Sep 1985) with the 558th Tactical Fighter Squadron, which was constituted, and activated, on 17 Apr 1962. Organized on 25 Apr 1962. Inactivated on 31 Mar 1970. Redesignated: 558th Tactical Air Support Squadron on 19 Sep 1985; 558th Flying Training Squadron on 14 Dec 1992. Activated on 15 Dec 1992.

Assignments

387th Bombardment Group, 1 Dec 1942–12 Nov 1945. Tactical Air Command, 17 Apr 1962; 12th Tactical Fighter Wing, 25 Apr 1962–31 Mar 1970 (attached to 51st Fighter-Interceptor Wing, 9 Mar–9 Jun 1965; 18th Tactical Fighter Wing, 3 Feb–22 Jul 1968). 12th Operations Group, 15 Dec 1992–.

Stations

MacDill Field, FL, 1 Dec 1942; Drane Field, FL, 12 Apr 1943; Godman Field, KY, 13 May–10 Jun 1943; Chipping Ongar, England, 1 Jul 1943; Stony Cross, England, c. 21 Jul 1944; Maupertuis, France, c. 1 Sep 1944; Chateaudun, France, c. 18 Sep 1944; Clastres, France, c. 4 Nov 1944; Beek, Holland, c. 4 May 1945; Rosieres-en-Santerre, France, 30 May–c. Nov 1945; Camp Kilmer, NJ, 11–12 Nov 1945. MacDill AFB, FL, 25 Apr 1962–Nov 1965 (deployed at Naha AB, Okinawa, 9 Mar–9 Jun 1965); Cam Ranh Bay AB, South Vietnam, c. 14 Nov 1965–31 Mar 1970 (deployed at Kunsan AB, South Korea, 3 Feb–22 Jul 1968). Randolph AFB, TX, 15 Dec 1992–.

Aircraft

B–26, 1942–1945. F–84, 1962–1963; F–4, 1963–1970. T–43, 1992–.

Operations

Combat in ETO, 31 Jul 1943–19 Apr 1945. Combat in Southeast Asia, 19 Nov 1965–31 Jan 1968 and 22 Jul 1968–10 Mar 1970. Specialized undergraduate navigator training, 15 Dec 1992–.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe. Vietnam: Vietnam Defensive; Vietnam Air; Vietnam Air Offensive; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air/Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; TET69/Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer-Fall, 1969; Vietnam Winter Spring, 1970.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: Germany, 23 Dec 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat “V” Device: 13 Nov 1965–30 May 1966; 1 Jun 1966–31 May 1967; 1 Jun 1967–31 May 1968; 1 Jun 1968–31 May 1969; 1 Jun 1969–31 Mar 1970. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 15 Oct 1965–31 Mar 1970.

Emblem

On a Yellow disc bordered Blue overall in base a lightning bolt bendwise sinister supporting an “apparition” issuing four “speed lines” from its back bendwise sinister grasping in dexter hand a sword bendwise sinister surmounting the border in chief and in sinister hand a shield blazoned (Azure a cross formy Or) all Blue. *MOTTO*: SEMPER VIGILAMUS—We Are Always Watchful. Approved on 17 May 1965 (KE 17021).



559th Flying Training Squadron

Constituted 81st Bombardment Squadron (Light) on 20 Nov 1940. Activated on 15 Jan 1941. Redesignated: 81st Bombardment Squadron (Medium) on 30 Dec 1941; 81st Bombardment Squadron, Medium, on 9 Oct 1944. Inactivated on 22 Jan 1946. Redesignated 81st Bombardment Squadron, Light, on 29 Apr 1947. Activated on 19 May 1947. Inactivated on 10 Sep 1948. Redesignated 559th Fighter-Escort Squadron on 27 Oct 1950. Activated on 1 Nov 1950. Redesignated: 559th Strategic Fighter Squadron on 20 Jan 1953; 559th Fighter-Day Squadron on 1 Jul 1957. Inactivated on 8 Jan 1958. Redesignated 559th Tactical Fighter Squadron, and activated, on 17 Apr 1962. Organized on 25 Apr 1962. Inactivated on 31 Mar 1970. Redesignated 559th Flying Training Squadron on 22 Mar 1972. Activated on 1 May 1972.

Assignments

12th Bombardment Group, 15 Jan 1941–22 Jan 1946. 12th Bombardment Group, 19 May 1947–10 Sep 1948. 12th Fighter-Escort Group, 1 Nov 1950 (attached to 12th Fighter-Escort Wing, 10 Feb 1951–16 Jun 1952); 12th Fighter-Escort (later, 12th Strategic Fighter; 12th Fighter-Day) Wing, 16 Jun 1952–8 Jan 1958. Tactical Air Command, 17 Apr 1962; 12th Tactical Fighter Wing, 25 Apr 1962 (attached to 51st Fighter-Interceptor Wing, 12 Jun–c. 7 Sep 1965); 836th Air Division, 8 Nov 1965; 12th Tactical Fighter Wing, 27 Dec 1965–31 Mar 1970. 12th Flying Training Wing, 1 May 1972; 12th Operations Group, 15 Dec 1991–.

Stations

McChord Field, WA, 15 Jan 1941; Esler Field, LA, 27 Feb–3 Jul 1942 (operated from Stockton Field, CA, 24 May–24 Jun 1942); Deversoir, Egypt, 30 Jul 1942; LG 88, Egypt, 18 Oct 1942; Gambut, Libya, 6 Dec 1942; Magrun LG, Libya, 14 Dec 1942; Gambut, Libya, 17 Dec 1942; Tmed El Chel, Libya, 11 Jan 1943; Berteaux, Algeria, 3 Feb 1943; Canrobert, Algeria, 15 Mar 1943; Thibar, Tunisia, 1 May 1943; Hergla, Tunisia, 2 Jun 1943; Ponte Olivo, Sicily, c. 2 Aug 1943; Gerbini, Sicily, 22 Aug 1943; Foggia, Italy, 5 Nov 1943; Gaudo Airfield, Italy, 18 Jan–6 Feb 1944; Tezgaon, India, c. 20 Mar 1944; Madhaiganj Airfield, India, 13 Jun 1944; Fenny, India, 17 Jul 1944 (operated from Meiktila, Burma, 21–29 Apr 1945); Madhaiganj Airfield, India, 7 Jun 1945; Karachi, India, 15 Nov–24 Dec 1945; Ft. Lawton, WA, 21–22 Jan 1946. Langley Field, VA, 19 May 1947–10 Sep 1948. Turner AFB, GA, 1 Nov 1950; Bergstorm AFB, TX, 5 Dec 1950–8 Jan 1958 (deployed at Manston RAF Station, England, 18 Jul–30 Nov 1951; Chitose AB, Japan, 15 May–10 Aug 1953; and Misawa AB, Japan, 12 May–11 Aug 1954). MacDill AFB, FL, 25 Apr 1962–27 Dec 1965 (deployed at Naha AB, Okinawa, 12 Jun–7 Sep 1965); Cam Ranh Bay AB, South Vietnam, 27 Dec 1965–31 Mar 1970. Randolph AFB, TX, 1 May 1972–.

Aircraft

B–18, 1941–1942; B–25, 1942–1945; A–26, 1945. None, 1947–1948. F–84, 1950–1957. F–4, 1964–1970. T–37, 1972–.

Operations

Patrols over the Pacific from the West Coast, Dec 1941–Feb 1942 and May–Jun 1942; combat in MTO, 16 Aug 1942–30 Jan 1944, and CBI, 16 Apr 1944–23 May 1945. Not manned, 1947–1948. Fighter escort and air defense,

1950–1957. Augmented air defenses of Okinawa, Jun–Sep 1965. Combat in Southeast Asia, 2 Jan 1966–23 Mar 1970. Trained US and friendly nation instructor aircrews, May 1972–.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Egypt–Libya; Tunisia; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Rome-Arno; Air Combat, EAME Theater; India-Burma; China Defensive; Central Burma. Vietnam: Vietnam Defensive; Vietnam Air; Vietnam Air Offensive; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air/Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; Tet 69/Counter-offensive; Vietnam Summer-Fall 1969; Vietnam Winter-Spring 1970.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: North Africa and Sicily, Oct 1942–17 Aug 1943. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat “V” Device: 27 Dec 1965–30 May 1966; 1 Jun 1966–31 May 1967; 1 Jun 1967–31 May 1968; 1 Jun 1968–31 May 1969; 1 Jun 1969–31 Mar 1970. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 May 1972–28 Feb 1973; 1 Jan 1976–30 Apr 1977; 1 Apr 1985–31 Mar 1986; 1 Jan 1987–31 Dec 1988; 1 Jan 1990–31 Dec 1991. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: [27 Dec] 1965–31 Mar 1970.

Emblem

On a White disc, a butting goat (Light Brown with Black markings) within a Black border. Approved on 6 Jan 1942 (153872 A.C.).



560th Flying Training Squadron

Constituted 560th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 19 Dec 1942. Activated on 24 Dec 1942. Redesignated 560th Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, on 20 Aug 1943. Inactivated on 28 Aug 1945. Redesignated 560th Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, on 6 Feb 1947. Activated on 6 Mar 1947. Inactivated on 27 Jun 1949. Redesignated 560th Tactical Fighter Squadron, and activated, on 1 May 1962. Organized on 1 Oct 1962. Inactivated on 31 Oct 1970. Redesignated 560th Flying Training Squadron on 22 Mar 1972. Activated on 1 May 1972.

Assignments

388th Bombardment Group, 24 Dec 1942–28 Aug 1945. Second Air Force, 6 Mar 1947; 388th Bombardment Group, 30 Sep 1947–27 Jun 1949. Tactical Air Command, 1 May 1962; 388th Tactical Fighter Wing, 1 Oct 1962; 23d Tactical Fighter Wing, 8 Feb 1964; 4531st Tactical Fighter Wing, 25 Sep 1968 (attached to 354th Tactical Fighter Wing, 29 Jun–15 Dec 1969); 31st Tactical Fighter Wing, 15–31 Oct 1970. 12th Flying Training Wing, 1 May 1972; 12th Operations Group, 15 Dec 1991–.

Stations

Gowen Field, ID, 24 Dec 1942; Wendover Field, UT, c. 1 Feb 1943; Sioux City AAB, IA, c. 1 May–8 Jun 1943; Knettishall, England, c. 6 Jun 1943–c. 6 Aug 1945; Sioux Falls AAFld, SD, c. 13–28 Aug 1945. Orchard Place Arpt, IL, 6 Mar 1947–27 Jun 1949. McConnell AFB, KS, 1 Oct 1962; Homestead AFB, FL, 25 Sep 1968–31 Oct 1970 (deployed at Kunsan AB, South Korea, 29 Jun–15 Dec 1969). Randolph AFB, TX, 1 May 1972–.

Aircraft

B–17, 1943–1945. Unkn, 1947–1949. F–100, 1962–1964; F–105, 1963–1968; F–4, 1969–1970. T–38, 1972–.

Operations

Combat in ETO, Jul 1943–Apr 1945. F–105 replacement pilot training, Jan 1966–Jun 1968. Trained US and friendly nation instructor aircrews, May 1972–.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Germany, 17 Aug 1943; for three missions (Hannover, Germany, 26 Jul 1943; Brux, Czechoslovakia, 12 May 1944; and from England to Russia, 21 Jun 1944). Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: [25 Sep 1968]–30 Jun 1970; 1 May 1972–28 Feb 1973; 1 Jan 1986–31 Dec 1987; 1 Jan–31 Dec 1988.

Emblem

On a Green disc edged with a narrow White border, the head of a cheetah affronte coupé, Gold Brown, detailed White, Brown and Black, eyes Green, pupils Black, highlighted White, teeth White, tongue Red, all outlines and details Black. Approved on 7 May 1969 (KE 65532). *MOTTO*: CHARGIN CHEETAHS. Approved on 10 Apr 1978.



561st Fighter Squadron

Constituted 561st Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 19 Dec 1942. Activated on 24 Dec 1942. Redesignated 561st Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, on 20 Aug 1943. Inactivated on 28 Aug 1945. Redesignated 561st Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, on 5 May 1947. Activated in the Reserve on 12 Jun 1947. Inactivated on 27 Jun 1949. Redesignated 561st Fighter-Bomber Squadron on 5 Nov 1953. Activated on 23 Nov 1953. Inactivated on 10 Dec 1957. Redesignated 561st Tactical Fighter Squadron, and activated on 1 May 1962. Organized on 1 Oct 1962. Redesignated 561st Fighter Squadron on 1 Nov 1991. Inactivated on 30 Jun 1992. Activated on 1 Feb 1993.

Assignments

388th Bombardment Group, 24 Dec 1942–28 Aug 1945. 338th Bombardment Group, 12 Jun 1947–27 Jun 1949. 388th Fighter-Bomber Group, 23 Nov 1953–10 Dec 1957 (attached to 388th Fighter-Bomber Wing, 1 Jul–10 Dec 1957). Tactical Air Command, 1 May 1962; 388th Tactical Fighter Wing, 1 Oct 1962; 23d Tactical Fighter Wing, 8 Feb 1964 (attached to 41st Air Division, 6 Mar–8 Jul 1965); 832d Air Division, 1 Jul 1972 (attached to 35th Tactical Fighter Wing, 1–14 Jul 1973); 35th Tactical Fighter Wing, 15 Jul 1973; 37th Tactical Fighter Wing, 30 Mar 1981; 35th Tactical Fighter (later, 35th Fighter) Wing, 5 Oct 1989–30 Jun 1992 (attached to 35th Tactical Fighter Wing, Provisional, 16 Aug 1990–Mar 1991). 57th Operations Group, 1 Feb 1993–.

Stations

Gowen Field, ID, 24 Dec 1942; Wendover Field, UT, c. 1 Feb 1943; Sioux City AAB, IA, 1 May–7 Jun 1943; Knettishall, England, Jun 1943–c. 6 Aug 1945; Sioux Falls AAFld, SD, c. 13–28 Aug 1945. Orchard Place Aprt, IL, 12 Jun 1947; General Billy Mitchell Field, WI, 2 Sep 1948–27 Jun 1949. Clovis AFB, NM, 23 Nov 1953–28 Nov 1954; Hahn AB, Germany, 12 Dec 1954; Etain/Rouvres AB, France, 1 Dec 1955–10 Dec 1957. McConnell AFB, KS, 1 Oct 1962 (deployed at Yokota AB, Japan, 6 Mar–8 Jul 1965; George AFB, CA, 16–26 May 1966, 23 Sep–17 Oct 1966, 17 Feb–9 Mar 1967, 4–18 Aug 1967, 23 Jan–8 Feb 1968, 18 Jun–3 Jul 1968, 15–27 Nov 1968, 6–21 May 1969, and 12 Nov–c. 2 Dec 1969); George AFB, CA, 1 Jul 1973–30 Jun 1992 (deployed at Shaikh Isa, Bahrain, 16 Aug 1990–Mar 1991). Nellis AFB, NV, 1 Feb 1993–.

Aircraft

B–17, 1943–1945. Unkn, 1947–1949. F–86, 1954–1956; F–100, 1957. F–105, 1964–1980; F–4, 1981–1992. F–4, 1993–.

Operations

Combat in ETO, 17 Jul 1943–21 Apr 1945. Stood alert in Korea, Mar–Jul 1965. Replacement training, Jan 1966–1 Jul 1970. Portion of squadron flew combat from Korat RTAFB, Thailand, Apr–Sep 1972. Wild Weasel training, Sep 1973–30 Jun 1992. Combat in Southwest Asia, Jan–Feb 1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Germany, 17 Aug 1943; for three missions (Hannover, Germany, 26 Jul 1943; Brux, Czechoslovakia, 12 May 1944; and from England to Russia, 21 Jun 1944). Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat “V” Device: 6 Apr 1972–27 Jan 1973. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jun 1970–15 Jun 1971; 2 Feb 1976–31 Mar 1977; 1 Jun 1985–31 May 1987. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 1 Apr 1966–28 Jan 1973.

Emblem

Or, a sword palewise point to chief Argent hilt Sable surmounted by the silhouette of a Trojan soldier’s helm of the last; all within a diminished bordure of the like. *MOTTO*: WILD WEASELS. Approved on 13 Oct 1993; replaced emblem approved on 31 Jan 1955 (217 A.C.).



562d Flying Training Squadron

Constituted 562d Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 19 Dec 1942. Activated on 24 Dec 1942. Redesignated 562d Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, on 20 Aug 1943. Inactivated on 28 Aug 1945. Redesignated 562d Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, on 5 May 1947. Activated in the Reserve on 12 Jun 1947. Inactivated on 27 Jun 1949. Redesignated 562d Fighter-Bomber Squadron on 5 Nov 1953. Activated on 23 Nov 1953. Inactivated on 10 Dec 1957. Redesignated 562d Tactical Fighter Squadron, and activated, on 1 May 1962. Organized on 1 Oct 1962. Inactivated on 31 Jul 1972. Activated on 31 Oct 1974. Redesignated: 562d Tactical Fighter Training Squadron on 9 Oct 1980; 562d Fighter Squadron on 1 Nov 1991. Inactivated on 30 Jun 1992. Redesignated 562d Flying Training Squadron on 14 Dec 1992. Activated on 14 May 1993.

Assignments

388th Bombardment Group, 24 Dec 1942–28 Aug 1945. 388th Bombardment Group, 12 Jun 1947–27 Jun 1949. 388th Fighter-Bomber Group, 23 Nov 1953–10 Dec 1957 (attached to 388th Fighter-Bomber Wing, 1 Jul–10 Dec 1957). Tactical Air Command, 1 May 1962; 388th Tactical Fighter Wing, 1 Oct 1962; 23d Tactical Fighter Wing, 8 Feb 1964 (attached to 6235th Tactical Fighter Wing, 6 Aug–7 Nov 1965; 355th Tactical Fighter Wing, 8 Nov–c. 4 Dec 1965); 832d Air Division, 1–31 Jul 1972. 35th Tactical Fighter Wing, 31 Oct 1974; 37th Tactical Fighter Wing, 30 Mar 1981; 35th Tactical Fighter Wing, 5 Oct 1989–30 Jun 1992. 12th Operations Group, 14 May 1993–.

Stations

Gowen Field, ID, 24 Dec 1942; Wendover Field, UT, 5 Feb 1943; Sioux City AAB, IA, 1 May–7 Jun 1943; Knettishall, England, Jun 1943–Aug 1945; Sioux Falls AAFld, SD, c. 13–28 Aug 1945. Orchard Place (later Chicago-Orchard) Aprt, IL, 12 Jun 1947–27 Jun 1949. Clovis AFB, NM, 23 Nov 1953–28 Nov 1954; Spangdahlem AB, Germany, 12 Dec 1954; Etain/Rouvres AB, France, c. 15 Sep 1955–10 Dec 1957. McConnell AFB, KS, 1 Oct 1962–31 Jul 1972 (deployed at Takhli RTAFB, Thailand, 6 Aug–c. 4 Dec 1965). George AFB, CA, 31 Oct 1974–30 Jun 1992. Randolph AFB, TX, 14 May 1993–.

Aircraft

B–17, 1943–1945. AT–6, 1947–1949; AT–11, 1947–1949; C–46, 1949; C–47, 1949; B–26, 1949. F–86, 1954–1956; F–100, 1957. F–105, c. 1963–1972. F–105, 1974–1980; F–4, 1980–1992.

Operations

Combat in ETO, 17 Jul 1943–21 Apr 1945. Combat in Southeast Asia, 6 Aug–4 Dec 1965. F–105 replacement training, Jan 1966–Aug 1970. Electronic warfare training, Mar 1981–Jun 1992.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater. Vietnam: Vietnam Defensive.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Germany, 17 Aug 1943; and for three missions (Hannover, Germany, 26 Jul 1943; Brux, Czechoslovakia, 12 May 1944; and England to Soviet Union, 21 Jun 1944). Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat “V” Device: 13 Aug–1 Dec 1965. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jun 1970–15 Jun 1971; 2 Feb 1976–31 May 1977; 1 Jun 1985–31 May 1987.

Emblem

On a White disc edged with a narrow Yellow border a Blue stylized swept-back wing configuration ascending. Approved on 28 Jul 1970 (KE 38310); replaced emblem approved on 7 Jul 1944 (49005 A.C.).



563d Flying Training Squadron

Constituted 563d Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 19 Dec 1942. Activated on 24 Dec 1942. Redesignated 563d Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, on 20 Aug 1943. Inactivated on 28 Aug 1945. Redesignated 563d Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, on 5 May 1947. Activated in the Reserve on 12 Jun 1947. Inactivated on 27 Jun 1949. Redesignated 563d Fighter-Bomber Squadron on 5 Nov 1953. Activated on 23 Nov 1953. Inactivated on 10 Dec 1957. Redesignated 563d Tactical Fighter Squadron, and activated, on 1 May 1962. Organized on 1 Oct 1962. Inactivated on 31 Jul 1972. Redesignated 563d Tactical Fighter Training Squadron on 15 Jul 1975. Activated on 31 Jul 1975. Redesignated 563d Tactical Fighter Squadron on 1 Jul 1977. Inactivated on 5 Oct 1989. Redesignated 563d Flying Training Squadron on 14 Dec 1992. Activated on 14 May 1993.

Assignments

388th Bombardment Group, 24 Dec 1942–28 Aug 1945. 338th Bombardment Group, 12 Jun 1947–27 Jun 1949. 388th Fighter-Bomber Group, 23 Nov 1953–10 Dec 1957 (attached to 388th Fighter-Bomber Wing, 1 Jul–10 Dec 1957). Tactical Air Command, 1 May 1 1962; 388th Tactical Fighter Wing, 1 Oct 1962; 23d Tactical Fighter Wing, 8 Feb 1964 (attached to 2d Air Division, 8–9 Apr 1965, and to 6235th Tactical Fighter Wing [Provisional], 10 Apr–15 Aug 1965); 832d Air Division, 1–31 Jul 1972. 35th Tactical Fighter Wing, 31 Jul 1975; 37th Tactical Flying Wing, 30 Mar 1981–5 Oct 1989. 12th Operations Group, 14 May 1993–.

Stations

Gowan Field, ID, 24 Dec 1942; Wendover Field, UT, c. 1 Feb 1943; Sioux City AAB, IA, 1 May–8 Jun 1943; Knettishall, England, 23 Jun 1943–Aug 1945; Sioux Falls AAfld, SD, 13–28 Aug 1945. Orchard Place (later, Chicago-Orchard) Aprt, IL, 12 Jun 1947–27 Jun 1949. Clovis AFB, NM, 23 Nov 1953–28 Nov 1954; Bitburg AB, Germany, 12 Dec 1954 (deployed at Etain/Rouvres AB, France, 20 Jun–6 Jul 1955); Etain/Rouvres AB, France, 7 Jul 1955–10 Dec 1957. McConnell AFB, KS, 1 Oct 1962–31 Jul 1972 (deployed at Takhli RTAFB, Thailand, 8 Apr–15 Aug 1965 and at Eglin AFB, FL, 22 Apr–3 Jun 1971). George AFB, CA, 31 Jul 1975–5 Oct 1989. Randolph AFB, TX, 14 May 1993–.

Aircraft

B–17, 1943–1945. AT–6, 1947–1949; AT–11, 1947–1949; C–46, 1949; C–47, 1949; B–26, 1949. F–86, 1954–1956; F–100, 1957. F–100, 1963–1964; F–105, 1963–1966, 1966–1972. F–4, 1975–1989.

Operations

Combat in ETO, 17 Jul 1943–21 Apr 1945. Combat in Southeast Asia, 8 Apr–15 Aug 1965. Replacement training, 1 Jan 1966–30 Sep 1970. Electronic warfare trainings and operations, late 1975–Oct 1989.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater. Vietnam: Vietnam Defensive.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Germany, 17 Aug 1943; for three missions (Hannover, Germany, 26 Jul 1943; Brux, Czechoslovakia, 12 May 1944; England to Russia, 21 Jun 1944). Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat “V” Device: 8 Apr–8 Jun 1965; 29 Jun–15 Aug 1965. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jun 1970–15 Jun 1971; 2 Feb 1976–31 Mar 1977; 1 Jun 1985–31 May 1987.

Emblem

Over a Red diamond, the Black ace of spades playing card, a Sabre piercing throughout the center of the card, blade Silver, hilt and pommel Gold and Black. Approved on 4 Feb 1955 (217 A.C.).



564th Missile Squadron

Constituted 564th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 19 Dec 1942. Activated on 24 Dec 1942. Redesignated 564th Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, on 4 Jan 1944. Inactivated on 13 Sep 1945. Redesignated 564th Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, on 28 Jan 1947. Activated in the Reserve on 27 Feb 1947. Inactivated on 27 Jun 1949. Redesignated 564th Strategic Missile Squadron (ICBM-Atlas) on 1 May 1958. Activated on 1 Jul 1958. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 1 Sep 1964. Redesignated 564th Strategic Missile Squadron, and activated, on 14 Dec 1965. Organized on 1 Apr 1966. Redesignated 564th Missile Squadron on 1 Sep 1991.

Assignments

389th Bombardment Group, 24 Dec 1942–13 Sep 1945. Second Air Force, 27 Feb 1947; Tenth Air Force, 1 Jul 1948–27 Jun 1949. 706th Strategic Missile Wing, 1 Jul 1958; 389th Strategic Missile Wing, 1 Jul 1961–1 Sep 1964. Strategic Air Command, 14 Dec 1965; 341st Strategic Missile Wing, 1 Apr 1966; 341st Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991–.

Stations

Davis-Monthan Field, AZ, 24 Dec 1942; Biggs Field, TX, 1 Feb 1943; Lowry Field, CO, 19 Apr–2 Jun 1943; Hethel, England, 11 Jun 1943–c. 28 May 1945 (operated from Bengasi, Libya, 3 Jul–c. 27 Aug 1943, and from Massicault, Tunisia, c. 19 Sep–3 Oct 1943); Charleston AAFld, SC, 12 Jun–13 Sep 1945. Fairfax Field, KS, 27 Feb 1947–27 Jun 1949. Francis E. Warren AFB, WY, 1 Jul 1958–1 Sep 1964. Malmstrom AFB, MT, 1 Apr 1966–.

Aircraft and Missiles

B–24, 1943–1945. Unkn, 1947–1949. Atlas, 1959–1964. Minuteman II, 1967–1975; Minuteman III, 1975–.

Operations

Combat in ETO and MTO, 9 Jul 1943–25 Apr 1945, including pathfinder missions, 22 Mar–c. Oct 1944. Missile alert operations, 1959–1964 and 1967–1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: Ploesti, Rumania, 1 Aug 1943. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1975–30 Jun 1976; 1 Jul 1976–30 Jun 1977; 1 Jul 1978–30 Jun 1980; 1 Jul 1980–30 Jun 1981; 1 Jul 1989–30 Jun 1991; 1 Sep 1991–31 Aug 1993.

Emblem

Azure, between flaunches Or bearing fleures-de-lis of the first a “sky sword” Yellow charged on the grip with a spring of laurel Blue; all within a diminished bordure Celeste. Approved 15 Sep 1967 (K 11275), modified on 28 Feb 1995; replaced emblem approved on 9 Jul 1959 (10416 A.C.).



576th Flight Test Squadron

Constituted 576th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 15 Jan 1943. Activated on 26 Jan 1943. Redesignated 576th Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, on 20 Aug 1943. Inactivated on 13 Sep 1945. Redesignated 576th Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, on 5 Sep 1947. Activated in the Reserve on 24 Sep 1947. Redesignated 576th Bombardment Squadron, Light, Jet, on 27 Jun 1949. Inactivated on 10 Nov 1949. Redesignated 576th Strategic Missile Squadron (ICBM-Atlas) on 6 Mar 1958. Activated on 1 Apr 1958. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 2 Apr 1966. Redesignated 576th Test Squadron on 29 Aug 1991. Activated on 1 Sep 1991. Redesignated 576th Flight Test Squadron on 1 Jul 1994.

Assignments

392d Bombardment Group, 26 Jan 1943–13 Sep 1945. 392d Bombardment Group, 24 Sep 1947–10 Nov 1949. 704th Strategic Missile Wing, 1 Apr 1958; 1st Missile (later, 1st Strategic Aerospace) Division, 1 Jul 1959; 392d Strategic Missile Wing, 18 Oct 1961; 1st Strategic Aerospace Division, 20 Dec 1961–2 Apr 1966. 310th Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991; 30th Operations Group, 1 Jul 1993–.

Stations

Davis-Monthan Field, AZ, 26 Jan 1943; Biggs Field, TX, 1 Mar 1943; Alamogordo AAB, NM, 18 Apr–18 Jul 1943; Wendling, England, 31 Jul 1943–c. 9 Jun 1945; Charleston AAFld, SC, 25 Jun–13 Sep 1945. Barksdale Field (later, AFB), LA, 24 Sep 1947–10 Nov 1949. Cooke (later, Vandenberg) AFB, CA, 1 Apr 1958–2 Apr 1966. Vandenberg AFB, CA, 1 Sep 1991–.

Aircraft and Missiles

B–24, 1943–1945. B–26, 1947–1949. Atlas, 1958–1966. Minuteman III, 1991–; Peacekeeper, 1991–.

Operations

Combat in ETO, 6 Sep 1943–25 Apr 1945. Trained crewmen, tested, and evaluated Atlas missiles, 1958–1966. Tested Minuteman III and Peacekeeper missiles, 1991–.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: Gotha, Germany, 24 Feb 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1962–30 Jun 1964; 1 Nov 1991–30 Sep 1993.

Emblem

Per fess enarched enhanced Azure and Celeste, a globe of the first, land masses Vert, overall a rocket palewise Argent nose cone Gules between in dexter chief six mullets in the form of the constellation Big Dipper and in sinister chief seven mullets forming the constellation Southern Cross of the fourth; and issuant an engine blast of the fifth garnished Or culminating in a cloud of smoke in base White issuing pilewise two lightning flashes Red between two olive branches Green; all within a diminished bordure of the first. *MOTTO*: DUCIMUS—We Lead. Approved on 5 Mar 1959, modified on 2 Mar 1995.



586th Flight Test Squadron

Constituted 586th Bombardment Squadron (Medium) on 15 Feb 1943. Activated on 5 Mar 1943. Redesignated: 586th Bombardment Squadron, Medium, on 9 Oct 1944; 586th Bombardment Squadron, Light, on 3 Dec 1945. Inactivated on 31 Mar 1946. Consolidated (1 Oct 1992) with the 6586th Test Squadron, which was designated, and activated, on 15 Dec 1982. Redesignated: 586th Test Squadron on 1 Oct 1992; 586th Flight Test Squadron on 15 Mar 1994.

Assignments

394th Bombardment Group, 5 Mar 1943–31 Mar 1946. 6585th (later 46th) Test Group, 15 Dec 1982–.

Stations

MacDill Field, FL, 5 Mar 1943; Ardmore AAFld, OK, 12 Jul 1943; Kellogg Field, MI, 23 Aug 1943–15 Feb 1944; Boreham, England, 11 Mar 1944; Holmsley, England, 28 Jul 1944; Tour-en-Bassin, France, 29 Aug 1944; Bricy, France, 27 Sep 1944; Cambrai/ Niergnies, France, 12 Oct 1944; Venlo, Holland, 7 May 1945; Kitzingen, Germany, Sep 1945–15 Feb 1946; Bolling Field, DC, 15 Feb–31 Mar 1946. Holloman AFB, NM, 15 Dec 1982–.

Aircraft

B–26, 1943–1945; A–26, 1945–1946. AT–38, 1991–.

Operations

Combat in ETO, 23 Mar 1944–20 Apr 1945. Tested missile systems, Dec 1982–.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: France, 7–9 Aug 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jan 1984–31 Dec 1985; 1 Jan–31 Dec 1987; 1 Jan 1991–31 Dec 1992. French Croix de Guerre with Palm: 6 Jun–14 Sep 1944.

Emblem

On a Blue disc within a White border an atomic symbol formed by the interlaced contrails of a White flight symbol, a Yellow drone and a Red missile all converging at lower right center points up and all within a narrow Blue border. Approved on 8 Dec 1983 (DFSC 84–05549); replaced emblem approved on 29 Jun 1943 (23726 A.C.).



712th Air Refueling Squadron

Constituted 712th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 6 Apr 1943. Activated on 1 May 1943. Redesignated: 712th Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, on 20 Aug 1943; 712th Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, on 5 Aug 1945. Inactivated on 4 Aug 1946. Activated in the Reserve on 19 Apr 1947. Redesignated 712th Bombardment Squadron, Light, on 27 Jun 1949. Ordered to active service on 17 Mar 1951. Inactivated on 21 Mar 1951. Redesignated 712th Air Refueling Squadron, and activated, on 1 Apr 1994.

Assignments

448th Bombardment Group, 1 May 1943–4 Aug 1946. 448th Bombardment Group, 19 Apr 1947–21 Mar 1951. 19th Operations Group, 1 Apr 1994–.

Stations

Gowen Field, ID, 1 May 1943; Wendover Field, UT, 4 Jul 1943; Sioux City AAB, IA, 11 Sep–7 Nov 1943; Seething, England, 25 Nov 1943–5 Jul 1945; Sioux Falls AAFld, SD, 15 Jul 1945; McCook AAFld, NE, 25 Jul 1945; Biggs Field, TX, 23 Aug 1945; McCook AAFld, NE, 8 Sep 1945; Fort Worth AAFld, TX, 15 Dec 1945–4 Aug 1946. Long Beach AAFld, CA, 19 Apr 1947–21 Mar 1951. Robins AFB, GA, 1 Apr 1994–.

Aircraft

B–24, 1943–1945; B–29, 1945–1946.

Operations

Combat in ETO during World War II, 22 Dec 1943–25 Apr 1945.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

None.

Emblem

Or, an eagle volant in base Argent garnished Sable beaked of the first supporting between its wings a globe bendwise Celeste gridlined Black and charged with a dove White grasping an olive branch in its beak Proper; all within a diminished bordure Azure. *MOTTO*: ANYTIME—ANYPLACE. Approved on 8 Jun 1995.



740th Missile Squadron

Constituted 740th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 14 May 1943. Activated on 1 Jun 1943. Redesignated 740th Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, on 6 Mar 1944. Inactivated on 9 Sep 1945. Redesignated 740th Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, on 27 Dec 1946. Activated in the Reserve on 10 Jan 1947. Inactivated on 27 Jun 1949. Redesignated 740th Fighter-Day Squadron on 7 May 1956. Activated on 25 Jul 1956. Inactivated on 1 Jul 1957. Redesignated 740th Strategic Missile Squadron (ICBM-Minuteman), and activated, on 28 Jun 1962. Organized on 1 Nov 1962. Redesignated 740th Missile Squadron on 1 Sep 1991.

Assignments

455th Bombardment Group, 1 Jun 1943–9 Sep 1945. Tenth Air Force, 10 Jan 1947; 455th Bombardment Group, 25 Mar 1947–27 Jun 1949. 455th Fighter-Day Group, 25 Jul 1956–1 Jul 1957. Strategic Air Command, 28 Jun 1962; 455th Strategic Missile Wing, 1 Nov 1962; 91st Strategic Missile Wing, 25 Jun 1968; 4091st Operations Group, 1 Jul 1988; 91st Strategic Missile Wing, 14 Feb 1991; 91st Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991; 91st Missile Group, 1 Jul 1994–.

Stations

Alamogordo AAFld, NM, 1 Jun 1943; Kearns, UT, 9 Sep 1943; Langley Field, VA, 5 Oct–13 Dec 1943; San Giovanni, Italy, 15 Jan 1944; Bari, Italy, c. Jul–9 Sep 1945. Hensley Field, TX, 10 Jan 1947–27 Jun 1949. Myrtle Beach AFB, SC, 25 Jul 1956–1 Jul 1957. Minot AFB, ND, 1 Nov 1962–.

Aircraft and Missiles

B–24, 1943–1945. B–29, 1947–1949. Minuteman I, 1963–1971; Minuteman III, 1968–.

Operations

Combat in MTO and ETO, 12 Feb 1944–25 Apr 1945. Not operational, 1956–1957. Missile alert operations, 1963–1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Naples-Foggia; Anzio; Rome-Arno; Normandy; Northern France; Southern France; North Apennines; Rhineland; Central Europe; Po Valley; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Steyr, Austria, 2 Apr 1944; Austria, 26 Jun 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1972–30 Jun 1973; 1 Jul 1976–30 Jun 1978; 1 Jul 1978–30 Jun 1980; 1 Jul 1989–14 Feb 1991.

Emblem

On a Red disc a Light Red keystone in base shaded Black, supporting a Blue stylized missile fimbriated Yellow ascending palewise enfiling a Yellow orbit ring bendwise charged with three White stars and a Yellow orbit ring bendwise sinister charged with four White stars. *MOTTO*: CUSTODES PACIS—Custodians of the Peace. Approved on 16 Jul 1964 (K 15735).



741st Missile Squadron

Constituted 741st Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 14 May 1943. Activated on 1 Jun 1943. Redesignated 741st Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, on 6 Mar 1944. Inactivated on 9 Sep 1945. Redesignated 741st Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, on 27 May 1947. Activated in the Reserve on 26 Jun 1947. Inactivated on 27 Jun 1949. Redesignated 741st Fighter-Day Squadron on 7 May 1956. Activated on 25 Jul 1956. Inactivated on 1 Jul 1957. Redesignated 741st Strategic Missile Squadron (ICBM-Minuteman), and activated, on 28 Jun 1962. Organized on 1 Dec 1962. Redesignated 741st Missile Squadron on 1 Sep 1991.

Assignments

455th Bombardment Group, 1 Jun 1943–9 Sep 1945. 455th Bombardment Group, 26 Jun 1947–27 Jun 1949. 455th Fighter-Day Group, 25 Jul 1956–1 Jul 1957. Strategic Air Command, 28 Jun 1962; 455th Strategic Missile Wing (ICBM-Minuteman), 1 Dec 1962; 91st Strategic Missile Wing, 25 Jun 1968; 4091st Operations Group, 1 Jul 1988; 91st Strategic Missile Wing, 14 Feb 1991; 91st Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991; 91st Missile Group, 1 Jul 1994–.

Stations

Alamogordo AAFld, NM, 1 Jun 1943; Kearns, UT, 9 Sep 1943; Langley Field, VA, 5 Oct–13 Dec 1943; San Giovanni, Italy, 15 Jan 1944–9 Sep 1945. Hensley Field, TX, 26 Jun 1947–27 Jun 1949. Myrtle Beach AFB, SC, 25 Jul 1956–1 Jul 1957. Minot AFB, ND, 1 Dec 1962–.

Aircraft and Missiles

B–24, 1943–1945. B–29, 1947–1949. Minuteman I, 1963–1971; Minuteman III, 1968–.

Operations

Combat in MTO and ETO during World War II, 12 Feb 1944–25 Apr 1945. Not operational, 1956–1957. Missile alert operations, 1963–1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Naples-Foggia; Anzio; Rome-Arno; Normandy; Northern France; Southern France; North Apennines; Rhineland; Central Europe; Po Valley; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Steyr, Austria, 2 Apr 1944; Austria, 26 Jun 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1972–30 Jun 1973; 1 Jul 1976–30 Jun 1978; 1 Jul 1978–30 Jun 1980; 1 Jul 1989–14 Feb 1991.

Emblem

On a disc per pale Azure and Celeste a flight symbol bendwise Vert fimbriated Argent enfiling an orbit ring bendwise sinister charged with three electrons and an orbit palewise charged with two electrons of the last between in dexter chief two mullets bendwise sinister White and issuant from sinister base a demi-globe axis bendwise per bend Blue and White gridlines counterchanged, overall a base embattled of the third all within a diminished bordure of the first. *MOTTO*: FIDELITAS ET FORTITUDO—Fidelity and Fortitude. Approved on 29 Sep 1964 (K 15827).



742d Missile Squadron

Constituted 742d Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 14 May 1943. Activated on 1 Jun 1943. Redesignated 742d Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, on 6 Mar 1944. Inactivated on 9 Sep 1945. Redesignated 742d Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, on 13 Aug 1947. Activated in the Reserve on 9 Sep 1947. Inactivated on 27 Jun 1949. Redesignated 742d Fighter-Day Squadron on 7 May 1956. Activated on 25 Jul 1956. Inactivated on 1 Jul 1957. Redesignated 742d Strategic Missile Squadron (ICBM-Minuteman), and activated, on 18 Jul 1962. Organized on 1 Jan 1963. Redesignated 742d Missile Squadron on 1 Sep 1991.

Assignments

455th Bombardment Group, 1 Jun 1943–9 Sep 1945. 455th Bombardment Group, 9 Sep 1947–27 Jun 1949. 455th Fighter-Day Group, 25 Jul 1956–1 Jul 1957. Strategic Air Command, 18 Jul 1962; 455th Strategic Missile Wing, 1 Jan 1963; 91st Strategic Missile Wing, 25 Jun 1968; 4091st Operations Group, 1 Jul 1988; 91st Strategic Missile Wing, 14 Feb 1991; 91st Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991; 91st Missile Group, 1 Jul 1994–.

Stations

Alamogordo AAFld, NM, 1 Jun 1943; Kearns, UT, 9 Sep 1943; Langley Field, VA, 5 Oct–13 Dec 1943; San Giovanni, Italy, 15 Jan 1944–9 Sep 1945. Hensley Field, TX, 9 Sep 1947–27 Jun 1949. Myrtle Beach AFB, SC, 25 Jul 1956–1 Jul 1957. Minot AFB, ND, 1 Jan 1963–.

Aircraft and Missiles

B–24, 1943–1945. B–29, 1947–1949. Minuteman I, 1963–1971; Minuteman III, 1968–.

Operations

Combat in MTO and ETO during World War II. Not operational, 1956–1957. Missile alert operations, 1963–1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Naples-Foggia; Anzio; Rome-Arno; Normandy; Northern France; Southern France; North Apennines; Rhineland; Central Europe; Po Valley; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Steyr, Austria, 2 Apr 1944; Austria, 26 Jun 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1972–30 Jun 1973; 1 Jul 1976–30 Jun 1978; 1 Jul 1978–30 Jun 1980; 1 Jul 1988–30 Jun 1990; 1 Jul 1990–14 Feb 1991.

Emblem

Issuing from the base of a Blue disc a White cloud formation detailed Air Force Blue, directly above, an Air Force Yellow key, above this arched from lower sinister to upper dexter a Green olive branch over a Red lightning bolt from upper sinister to lower dexter, vertical over all a White missile detailed Air Force Blue. *MOTTO*: CLAVIS PACIS—The Key to Peace. Approved on 4 May 1964 (KE 15514).



905th Air Refueling Squadron

Constituted as 505th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 3 Sep 1942. Activated on 7 Sep 1942. Inactivated on 1 Apr 1944. Consolidated (19 Sep 1985) with the 905th Air Refueling Squadron, Heavy, which was constituted, and activated, on 12 Oct 1959. Organized on 1 Feb 1960. Redesignated 905th Air Refueling Squadron on 1 Sep 1991.

Assignments

346th Bombardment Group, 7 Sep 1942–1 Apr 1944. Strategic Air Command, 12 Oct 1959; 4133d Strategic Wing, 1 Feb 1960; 319th Bombardment Wing, 1 Feb 1963; 319th Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991; 305th Operations Group, 1 Jun 1992; 43d Operations Group, 1 Jul 1993; 319th Operations Group, 1 Oct 1993–.

Stations

Salt Lake City AAB, UT, 7 Sep 1942; Smoky Hill AAB, KS, 3 Oct 1942; Dyersburg AAFld, TN, 26 Feb 1943–1 Apr 1944. Grand Forks AFB, ND, 1 Feb 1960–.

Aircraft

B–24, 1942–1943. KC–135, 1960–.

Operations

Replacement training unit, Nov 1942–c. Oct 1943. Global refueling operations, May 1960–, including for combat operations in Southeast Asia, 1965–1975, and the invasion of Panama, Dec 1989. Provided personnel and aircraft for air refueling operations in Southwest Asia, 13 Aug 1990–9 Apr 1991.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award: 1 Jul 1977–30 Jun 1979.

Emblem

On a White disc bordered Black, a Light Blue chief spattered with White stars above an Air Force Blue globe, grid lines Light Blue; surmounting the globe two Air Force Golden Yellow aircraft fesswise in a refueling operation; encircling the globe a Light Blue arrow; highlights on aircraft and arrow White. Approved on 25 Mar 1963 (K 13818); replaced emblem approved on 22 Nov 1943 (23717 A.C.).



906th Air Refueling Squadron

Constituted 16th Reconnaissance Squadron (Medium) on 20 Nov 1940. Activated on 15 Jan 1941. Redesignated: 406th Bombardment Squadron (Medium) on 22 Apr 1942; 406th Bombardment Squadron, Medium, on 1 Jun 1943; 406th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 2 Nov 1943; 406th Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, on 20 Aug 1943; 406th Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, on 5 Aug 1945. Inactivated on 17 Oct 1945. Consolidated (19 Sep 1985) with the 906th Air Refueling Squadron, Heavy, which was constituted on 9 Mar 1959. Activated on 1 Jun 1959. Redesignated 906th Air Refueling Squadron on 1 Sep 1991.

Assignments

3d Wing, 15 Jan 1941 (attached to 42d Bombardment Group, 15 Jan 1941–24 Feb 1942); 42d Bombardment Group, 25 Feb 1942 (attached to 28th Composite Group, c. 6 Jun 1942–); 41st Bombardment Group, 12 Feb 1943 (remained attached to 28th Composite Group to c. 10 Oct 1943); Fourth Air Force, 11 Oct 1943; Eighth Air Force, 2 Nov 1943; 1st Bombardment Division, 21 Nov 1943 (attached to 482d Bombardment Group, 4 Dec 1943–21 Feb 1944); VIII Air Force Composite Command, 26 Feb 1944 (attached to 801st Bombardment Group [Provisional], 28 Mar–5 Aug 1944); VIII Fighter Command, 1 Oct 1944; 1st Air Division, 30 Dec 1944; 492d Bombardment Group, 5 Aug–17 Oct 1945. 4136th Strategic Wing, 1 Jun 1959; 450th Bombardment Wing, 1 Feb 1963; 5th Bombardment Wing, 25 Jul 1968; 5th Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991; 43d Operations Group, 1 Jun 1992; 319th Operations Group, 30 Jan 1994–.

Stations

Fort Douglas, UT, 15 Jan 1941; Boise, ID, 4 Jun 1941 (air echelon operated from Paine Field, WA, from 8 Dec 1941); Paine Field, WA, 21 Jan 1942; Portland AAB, OR, 20 Jul–1 Nov 1942 (air echelon operated from Elmendorf Field, AK, from 7 Jun 1942); Elmendorf Field, AK, 15 Nov 1942–18 Oct 1943 (operated from Adak, 25 Jul–13 Aug 1943 and from Amchitka, 13 Aug–c. Oct 1943); Portland AAB, OR, 23 Oct–2 Nov 1943; Alconbury, England, 11 Nov 1943; Watton, England, 7 Feb 1944; Harrington, England, 1 Apr 1944; Cheddington, England, 10 Aug 1944; Harrington, England, 16 Mar–6 Aug 1945; Sioux Falls, AAFld, SD, 14 Aug 1945; Kirtland Field, NM, 17 Aug–17 Oct 1945. Minot AFB, ND, 1 Jun 1959; Grand Forks AFB, ND, 30 Jan 1994–.

Aircraft

B–18, 1941–1943; B–26, 1941–1942; A–29, 1942–1943; B–25, 1943; B–24, 1943–1945; B–17, 1944–1945. KC–135, 1959–.

Operations

Antisubmarine patrols, 23 Dec 1941–4 May 1942. Combat in Northern Pacific, 16 Jun 1942–Aug 1943. Served in ETO as CARPETBAGGER unit, 5 Jan–Aug 1944, and afterwards flew leaflet missions until 9 May 1945. Global aerial refueling operations, 1959–. Supported combat operations in Southeast Asia, 1968–1975 and Southwest Asia, 1990–1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater; Aleutian Islands; Air Combat, Asiatic-Pacific Theater; Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1977–30 Jun 1979; 1 Jul 1983–30 Jun 1984; 1 Jul 1984–30 Jun 1985; 1 Jul 1985–30 Jun 1986; 1 Jul 1991–31 May 1992. French Croix de Guerre with Palm.

Emblem

On a disc per bend Light Blue and Air Force Blue within an Air Force Golden Yellow border, a White globe displaying the continents of North and South America, Light Blue outlined Air Force Blue, above two (2) Air Force Golden Yellow olive branches, details Golden Brown, originating in base and arched, one to dexter (right) and one to sinister (left); over all in downward flight palewise, a silhouetted stylized aircraft, Air Force Blue. Approved on 10 Jul 1961 (K 12585); replaced emblem approved on 12 Jul 1943 (9948 A.C.).



909th Air Refueling Squadron

Constituted 19th Reconnaissance Squadron (Heavy) on 28 Jan 1942. Activated on 1 Mar 1942. Redesignated: 409th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 22 Apr 1942; 409th Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, on 6 Mar 1944. Inactivated on 6 Jul 1945. Redesignated 409th Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, on 5 Aug 1945. Activated on 20 Aug 1945. Inactivated on 1 Oct 1946. Consolidated (19 Sep 1985) with the 909th Air Refueling Squadron, Heavy, which was constituted, and activated, on 18 Jan 1963. Organized on 1 Apr 1963. Redesignated 909th Air Refueling Squadron on 1 Oct 1991.

Assignments

93d Bombardment Group, 1 Mar 1942–6 Jul 1945. 93d Bombardment Group, 20 Aug 1945; 444th Bombardment Group, 6 May–1 Oct 1946. Strategic Air Command, 18 Jan 1963; 461st Bombardment Wing, 1 Apr 1963; 22d Bombardment Wing, 25 Jun 1966; 376th Strategic Wing, 1 Jul 1971; 18th Operations Group, 1 Oct 1991–.

Stations

Barksdale Field, LA, 1 Mar 1942; Fort Myers, FL, 18 May–13 Aug 1942; Alconbury, England, 7 Sep 1942; Hardwick, England, c. 6 Dec 1942–15 Jun 1945 (air echelon operated from Tafaraoui, Algeria, 7–15 Dec 1942; Gambut, Libya, 16 Dec 1942–25 Feb 1943; Bengasi, Libya, 27 Jun–26 Aug 1943; Oudna, Tunisia, 18 Sep–3 Oct 1943); Sioux Falls AAFld, SD, 26 Jun–6 Jul 1945. Pratt AAFld, KS, 20 Aug 1945; Clovis AAFld, NM, 13 Dec 1945; Davis-Monthan Field, AZ, 18 Jun–1 Oct 1946. Amarillo AFB, TX, 1 Apr 1963; March AFB, CA, 25 Jun 1966; Kadena AB, Okinawa (later, Japan), 1 Jul 1971–.

Aircraft

B–24, 1942–1945. B–29, 1945–1946. KC–135, 1963–1971, 1971–.

Operations

Antisubmarine patrols, May–30 Jul 1942. Combat in ETO and MTO, 9 Oct 1942–25 Apr 1945. Worldwide air refueling, Jul 1963–Jun 1971 and Aug 1971–. Rotated aircrews to Southeast Asia, 1967–1973. Provided air refueling in Southwest Asia, Aug 1990–Mar 1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater; Egypt-Libya; Air Offensive, Europe; Tunisia; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Forces

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: North Africa, 17 Dec 1942–20 Feb 1943; Ploesti, Rumania, 1 Aug 1943. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat “V” Device: 1 Jul 1971–31 Mar 1972; 1 Apr 1972–28 Jan 1973. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Apr–1 Oct 1967; 25 Mar–1 May 1968; 1 Jul 1969–30 Jun 1970; 1 Sep 1970–30 Jun 1971; 29 Jan 1973–31 Mar 1974; 1 Jul 1974–30 Jun 1976; 1 Jul 1976–30 Jun 1977; 1 Jul 1977–30 Jun 1979; 1 Jul 1981–30 Jun 1983; 1 Jul 1985–30 Jun 1987; 1 Jul 1987–30 Jun 1988; 1 Jul 1989–30 Jun 1991. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 1 Jul 1971–28 Jan 1973.

Emblem

On a disc divided into an Air Force Blue sky and a White cloud formation within a narrow Black border, two stylized Yellow aircraft in horizontal flight each emitting a Yellow thunderbolt to a double six-pointed star with Orange center, Yellow, and Black tips giving off Black rays. *MOTTO*: ALWAYS THERE. Approved on 2 Dec 1963 (K 15045); replaced emblem approved on 16 Feb 1943 (K 2688).



911th Air Refueling Squadron

Organized as 16th Aero Squadron, c. 15 May 1917. Redesignated 21st Aero Squadron on 13 Jun 1917. Demobilized on 14 Apr 1919. Reconstituted, and redesignated 21st Observation Squadron, on 24 Mar 1923. Disbanded on 1 Oct 1933. Reconstituted, and consolidated (2 Dec 1936) with 21st Reconnaissance Squadron which was constituted as 21st Observation Squadron (Long Range, Amphibian), and activated, on 1 Mar 1935. Redesignated: 21st Reconnaissance Squadron on 1 Sep 1936; 21st Reconnaissance Squadron (Long Range) on 6 Dec 1939; 21st Reconnaissance Squadron (Heavy) on 20 Nov 1940; 411th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 22 Apr 1942; 411th Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, on 28 Mar 1944. Inactivated on 1 Apr 1944. Activated on 1 Apr 1944. Inactivated on 10 May 1944. Activated on 1 Jun 1944. Inactivated on 15 Apr 1946. Consolidated (19 Sep 1985) with 911th Air Refueling Squadron, Heavy, which was constituted on 28 May 1958. Activated on 1 Dec 1958. Redesignated 911th Air Refueling Squadron on 1 Jul 1992.

Assignments

Unkn, 1917; Third Aviation Instruction Center, 1918–unkn. 2d (later, 2d Bombardment) Wing, 1 Mar 1935 (attached to 2d Bombardment Group from 1 Sep 1936; attached to 7th Naval District for operations, Sep 1939–Aug 1940); 3d Bombardment Wing, 15 Nov 1940 (attached to Newfoundland Base Command for operations, May–Aug 1941); 29th Bombardment Group, attached 5 Sep 1941, assigned 25 Feb 1942–1 Apr 1944. 29th Bombardment Group, 1 Apr–10 May 1944. 502d Bombardment Group, 1 Jun 1944–15 Apr 1946 (attached to 6th Bombardment Group, Sep 1944–Jan 1945). 4241st Strategic Wing, 1 Dec 1958; 68th Bombardment Wing, 15 Apr 1963; 68th Air Refueling Group (later, 68th Air Refueling Wing), 30 Sep 1982; 4th Operations Group, 22 Apr 1991; 319th Operations Group, 29 Apr 1994–.

Stations

Kelly Field, TX, May 1917; Scott Field, IL, 11 Aug 1917; Garden City, NY, 23 Dec–c. 4 Jan 1918; St Maxient, France, 23 Jan 1918; Issoudun, France, 21 Feb 1918; Bordeaux, France, c. Jan–c. 18 Mar 1919; Hazelhurst Field, NY, c. 5–14 Apr 1919. Bolling Field, DC, 1 Mar 1935; Langley Field, VA, 1 Sep 1936; Miami Muni Aprt, FL, 9 Sep 1939–22 Apr 1941; Newfoundland Aprt, Newfoundland, 1 May–30 Aug 1941; MacDill Field, FL, c. 3 Sep 1941; Gowen Field, ID, 25 Jun 1942–1 Apr 1944. Pratt AAFld, KS, 1 Apr–10 May 1944. Davis-Monthan Field, AZ, 1 Jun 1944; Dalhart AAFld, TX, 5 Jun 1944; Grand Island AAFld, NE, 26 Sep 1944–7 Apr 1945; Northwest Field, Guam, 12 May 1945–15 Apr 1946. Seymour Johnson AFB, NC, 1 Dec 1958; Grand Forks AFB, ND, 29 Apr 1994–.

Aircraft

In addition to Nieuport 27 and Nieuport 80, apparently included Avro 504K, 1918; O–38, 1935–1936; OA–4, YOA–5, and B–10, 1936–1937; B–18, 1937–1941 (additionally included A–17, B–17, Y1OA–8, OA–9, and apparently OA–10, 1939–1941); B–17, 1939–1943; A–29, 1941–1942; B–24, 1943–1944. B–29, 1944–1946. KC–135, 1958–1972, 1973–1985; KC–10, 1985–.

Operations

Flying training unit, Feb–c. Dec 1918. Neutrality, sea search, and weather reconnaissance missions, Oct 1939–Aug 1940, Jun–Aug 1941. Antisubmarine patrols, Jan–Jun 1942. Operational and later replacement training unit, 1942–1944. Combat in Western Pacific, Jul–Aug 1945. Supported air refueling operations in Southeast Asia, May 1972–Jul 1973. Air refueling support for

the invasion of Panama, Dec 1989 and for combat operations in Southwest Asia, Aug 1990–Mar 1992.

Service Streamers

World War I Theater of Operations.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater; Air Offensive, Japan; Eastern Mandates; Western Pacific. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: Japan, 5–15 Aug 1945. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1965–30 Jun 1966; 1 Jul 1985–30 Jun 1987; 23 Apr 1991–31 May 1993.

Emblem

Per fess Celeste and Azure a barrulet Sable and overall an eagle stooping Gules, head and feet proper, all within a diminished bordure of the fourth. Approved on 16 Nov 1994; replaced emblems approved on 24 Jul 1987 (DFSC 87–11182) and on 7 Aug 1937 (10039 A.C.).



912th Air Refueling Squadron

Constituted 22d Reconnaissance Squadron (Heavy) on 28 Jan 1942. Redesignated 412th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 22 Apr 1942. Activated on 15 Jun 1942. Redesignated 412th Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, on 20 Aug 1943. Inactivated on 28 Aug 1945. Redesignated 412th Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, on 9 Jul 1947. Activated in the Reserve on 16 Jul 1947. Inactivated on 27 Jun 1949. Consolidated (19 Sep 1985) with 912th Air Refueling Squadron, Heavy, which was constituted, and activated, on 3 Aug 1961. Organized on 1 Dec 1961. Redesignated 912th Air Refueling Squadron on 1 Sep 1991.

Assignments

95th Bombardment Group, 15 Jun 1942–28 Aug 1945. 95th Bombardment Group, 16 Jul 1947–27 Jun 1949. Strategic Air Command, 3 Aug 1961; 4137th Strategic Wing, 1 Dec 1961; 465th Bombardment Wing, 1 Feb 1963; 19th Bombardment (later, 19th Air Refueling) Wing, 25 Jul 1968; 19th Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991; 319th Operations Group, 1 Apr 1994–.

Stations

Barksdale Field, LA, 15 Jun 1942; Pendleton Field, OR, 26 Jun 1942; Geiger Field, WA, 28 Aug 1942; Ephrata, WA, 31 Oct 1942; Geiger Field, WA, 24 Nov 1942; Rapid City AAB, SD, 17 Dec 1942–18 Apr 1943; Framlingham, England, 11 May 1943; Horham, England, 15 Jun 1943–6 Aug 1945; Sioux Falls AAFld, SD, 14–28 Aug 1945. Knoxville Muni Aprt, TN, 16 Jul 1947–27 Jun 1949. Robins AFB, GA, 1 Dec 1961; Grand Forks AFB, ND, 1 Apr 1994–.

Aircraft

B–17, 1942–1945. Unkn, 1947–1949. KC–135, 1962–; EC–135, 1984–1989.

Operations

Combat in ETO, 13 May 1943–20 Apr 1945. Long distance aerial refueling, 1961–1972; worldwide aerial refueling, beginning 1973. Gained EC–135 airborne command post mission, 1984–1989. Supported operations in Grenada, 23–24 Oct 1983; Panama, 18–21 Dec 1989; and Southwest Asia, Aug 1990–Mar 1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Germany, 17 Aug 1943; Munster, Germany, 10 Oct 1943; Berlin, Germany, 4 Mar 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: [1 Dec] 1961–31 Mar 1962; 1 Jul 1976–30 Jun 1978; 1 Jul 1982–30 Jun 1984; 1 Jul 1984–30 Jun 1986.

Emblem

On an Air Force Blue globe with White grid lines two White clouds, detailed and shaded Silver Gray, fesswise above center of globe, small cloud in far dexter large cloud extends from center dexter to far sinister issuant from large cloud above center point of globe palewise an Air Force Yellow refueling boom tip shaded Tangerine, all within a White band with a narrow Air Force Blue border. Approved on 28 Sep 1964 (K 15824).



961st Airborne Air Control Squadron

Constituted 61st Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 20 Nov 1940. Activated on 15 Jan 1941. Inactivated on 1 Apr 1944. Redesignated 61st Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, and activated, on 1 Apr 1944. Inactivated on 27 Dec 1945. Consolidated (19 Sep 1985) with the 961st Airborne Early Warning and Control Squadron, which was constituted on 11 Oct 1954. Activated on 18 Dec 1954. Inactivated on 31 Dec 1969. Redesignated 961st Airborne Warning and Control Support Squadron on 31 Dec 1979. Activated on 1 Oct 1979. Redesignated: 961st Airborne Warning and Control Squadron on 1 Jan 1982; 961st Airborne Air Control Squadron on 1 Aug 1994.

Assignments

39th Bombardment Group, 15 Jan 1941–1 April 1944. 39th Bombardment Group, 1 Apr 1944–27 Dec 1945. 551st Airborne Early Warning and Control Wing, 18 Dec 1954–31 Dec 1969. 552d Airborne Warning and Control Wing (later, 552d Airborne Warning and Control Division), 1 Oct 1979; 28th Air Division, 1 Apr 1985; 313th Air Division (attached to Fifth Air Force for operational control) 1 Oct 1990; 18th Operations Group, 1 Oct 1991–.

Stations

Ft Douglas, UT, 15 Jan 1941; Felts Field, WA, 2 Jun 1941; Geiger Field, WA, 2 Jul 1941; Davis-Monthan Field, AZ, 2 Feb 1942–1 Apr 1944. Smoky Hill AAFld, KS, 1 Apr 1944; Dalhart AAFld, TX, 27 May 1944; Smoky Hill AAFld, KS, 17 Jul 1944–8 Jan 1945; North Field, Guam, 18 Feb–16 Nov 1945; Camp Anza, CA, 15–27 Dec 1945. Otis AFB, MA, 18 Dec 1954–31 Dec 1969. Kadena AB, Japan, 1 Oct 1979–.

Aircraft

B–17, 1941–1942; B–24, 1942–1944. B–29, 1944–1945. C–121, 1955–1969. E–3, 1979–.

Operations

Operational and later replacement training unit, 1942–1944. Combat in Western Pacific, c. 6 Apr–14 Aug 1945. Radar surveillance along eastern coast of US, 18 Dec 1954–31 Dec 1969. Coverage of salvage operations of downed Korean Airliner, Flight 007, 1–10 Sep 1983. Airborne command and control for Commander-in-Chief, United States Pacific Command and supported US forces counter air interdiction, close air support, rescue, reconnaissance, and airlift operations, 1980–.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Japan; Western Pacific.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Japan, 10 May 1945; Tokyo and Yokohama, Japan, 23–29 May 1945. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1957–31 Oct 1958; [1 Oct 1979]–30 Jun 1980; 1 Jul 1982–30 Jun 1984; 1–10 Sep 1983.

Emblem

On a Blue disc edged with a narrow Black border a White ray issuant bendwise from dexter chief throughout charged with a Yellow lightning bolt between in chief a White eight pointed star shaded Black, and in base a Yellow winged Red disc edged White bearing a White star pierced of the field details of wings Black. Approved on 2 Mar 1981 (KE 72236), modified on 7 Nov 1995 (no negative number yet); replaced emblems approved on 25 Jun 1956 (154825 A.C.) and 15 May 1942 (K 2670).



962d Airborne Air Control Squadron

Constituted 862d Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 14 Sep 1943. Activated on 1 Nov 1943. Redesignated 862d Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, on 21 Feb 1944. Inactivated on 28 Aug 1945. Consolidated (19 Sep 1985) with the 962d Airborne Early Warning and Control Squadron, which was constituted on 30 Mar 1955. Activated on 8 Jul 1955. Inactivated on 31 Dec 1969. Redesignated: 962d Airborne Warning and Control Support Squadron on 31 Jul 1979; 962d Airborne Warning and Control Squadron on 19 Sep 1985. Activated on 1 Jul 1986. Redesignated 962d Airborne Air Control Squadron on 1 Aug 1994.

Assignments

493d Bombardment Group, 1 Nov 1943–28 Aug 1945 (attached to 3d Air Division, 17 Feb–7 May 1945). 551st Airborne Early Warning and Control Wing, 8 Jul 1955–31 Dec 1969. 28th Air Division, 1 Jul 1986; 552d Operations Group, 29 May 1992; 3d Operations Group, 1 May 1993–.

Stations

McCook AAFld, NE, 1 Nov 1943–1 Jan 1944; Elveden Hall, England, 1 Jan 1944; Debach, England, 17 Apr 1944; Wormingford, England, 17 Feb 1945; Debach, England, 18 May–6 Aug 1945; Sioux Falls AAFld, SD, c. 13–28 Aug 1945. Otis AFB, MA, 8 Jul 1955–31 Dec 1969. Elmendorf AFB, AK, 1 Jul 1986–.

Aircraft

B–24, 1944; B–17, 1944–1945; P–51, 1945. C/RC/EC–121, 1955–1969. E–3, 1986–.

Operations

Combat in ETO, 6 Jun 1944–15 Feb 1945; weather reconnaissance in ETO, 17 Feb–7 May 1945. Airborne surveillance and combat control, 1955–1969 and 1986–. Supported combat operations in Southwest Asia, Jan–Feb 1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1957–31 Oct 1958; [1 Jul 1986]–31 Mar 1987; 1 Apr 1987–31 Mar 1989.

Emblem

Vert, an eagle volant and issuant from sinister chief Sable, tail and head Argent, feet and beak Or, and grasping in sinister talon a lightning flash bendwise sinister Yellow, all within a diminished border of the first. *MOTTO*: EYES OF THE EAGLE. Approved on 23 Oct 1995 (HRA–95–211); replaced emblems approved on 6 Aug 1986 and 14 Feb 1957 (156487 A.C.).



963d Airborne Air Control Squadron

3d Search Attack Squadron (Heavy) (constituted 3d Sea-Search Attack Squadron [Heavy] on 7 Dec 1942; activated on 10 Dec 1942; redesignated 3d Search Attack Squadron [Heavy] on 22 Nov 1943; disbanded on 10 Apr 1944; reconstituted on 19 Sep 1985) consolidated (19 Sep 1985) with the 163d Liaison Squadron (constituted on 11 May 1944; activated on 15 May 1944; inactivated on 27 Jan 1946; activated on 3 Oct 1946; inactivated on 1 Apr 1949) and the 963d Airborne Warning and Control Squadron (constituted 963d Airborne Early Warning and Control Squadron on 8 Dec 1954; activated on 8 Mar 1955; inactivated on 30 Apr 1976; redesignated 963d Airborne Warning and Control Squadron on 5 May 1976; activated on 1 Jul 1976). Redesignated 963d Airborne Air Control Squadron on 1 Jul 1994.

Assignments

1st Sea–Search Attack Group (later, 1st Sea-Search Attack Unit; 1st Search Attack Group), 10 Dec 1942–10 Apr 1944. III Tactical Air Division, 15 May 1944; Army Air Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas, 20 Jan 1945 (attached to Tenth Army for operations, 20 Jan 1945–); Seventh Air Force, 14 Jul 1945 (remained attached to Tenth Army to 10 Aug 1945); VII Bomber Command, 1 Dec 1945; Pacific Air Command, US Army, 25 Dec 1945–27 Jan 1946. Ninth Air Force, 3 Oct 1946; Tenth Air Force, 1 Dec 1948–1 Apr 1949. 8th Air Division, 8 Mar 1955 (attached to Airborne Early Warning and Control Wing, Provisional, 8 Mar–7 Jul 1955); 552d Airborne Early Warning and Control Wing (later, 552d Airborne Warning and Control Group), 8 Jul 1955–30 Apr 1976. 552d Airborne Warning and Control Wing (later, 552d Airborne Warning and Control Division; 552d Airborne Warning and Control Wing; 552d Air Control Wing), 1 Jul 1976; 552d Operations Group, 29 May 1992–.

Stations

Langley Field, VA, 10 Dec 1942–10 Apr 1944. Cox Field, TX, 15 May 1944; Brownwood AAfld, TX, 8 Oct 1944–1 Jan 1945; Schofield Barracks, TH, 20 Jan–6 Apr 1945; Okinawa, 3 May 1945; Ft William McKinley, Luzon, c. 24 Dec 1945–27 Jan 1946. Marshall Field (later, AFB), KS, 3 Oct 1946–1 Apr 1949. McClellan AFB, CA, 8 Mar 1955–30 Apr 1976. Tinker AFB, OK, 1 Jul 1976–.

Aircraft

B–18, 1942–1943; B–24, 1943–1944. L–5, 1944–1945; UC–64, 1944; L–4, 1945. L–5, 1946–1949; C–45, 1946–1947; R–5, 1947–1949; R–6, 1947; L–13, 1948–1949; H–5, 1948–1949. RC–121, 1955–1959, 1961–1963; TC–121, 1959–1961, 1972–1975; EC–121, 1963–1972; C–121, 1969–1976. E–3, 1977–.

Operations

Tested electronic equipment and trained crews for antisubmarine operations; antisubmarine patrols, 1943. Replacement training unit, Jun–Oct 1944. Combat in Western Pacific, 16 May–c. 1 Jul 1945. Long–range surveillance, 1955–1974. Rotated aircrews to Southeast Asia, c. 4 Apr 1965–17 May 1974. Combat support in Panama, 20 Dec 1989–24 Jan 1990, and Southwest Asia, 17 Jan–6 Mar 1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater; Ryukyus. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Panama, 1989–1990.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat “V” Device: 1 Jul 1969–30 Jun 1970; 1 Jul 1971–31 Dec 1972. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1961–30 Jun 1963; 15 Apr 1965–1 Jul 1966; 2 Jul 1966–1 Jul 1968; 1 Jul 1970–30 Jun 1971; 1 Jul 1974–30 Jun 1975; 1 Jul 1977–30 Jun 1978; 1 Jul 1978–30 Jun 1980; 1 Jul 1982–30 Jun 1984; 1 May 1985–30 Apr 1987; 1 May 1987–30 Apr 1989; 1 Dec 1989–1 Dec 1991. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 1 Apr 1966–28 Jan 1973.

Emblem

A disc checky, Black and White, edged with a narrow Black border, overall a Blue winged chess knight garnished Light Blue, eyed Yellow emitting three lightning bolts, one to dexter, one to the sinister top of the disc and one towards sinister base. Approved on 24 May 1977 (KE 62823); replaced emblem approved on 15 Aug 1956 (155205 A.C.).



964th Airborne Air Control Squadron

4th Search Attack Squadron (constituted 362d Bombardment Squadron [Heavy] on 28 Jan 1942; activated on 15 Jul 1942; redesignated: 18th Antisubmarine Squadron [Heavy] on 29 Nov 1942; 4th Sea-Search Attack Squadron [Heavy] on 23 Oct 1943; 4th Search Attack Squadron [Heavy] on 22 Nov 1943; disbanded 10 Apr 1944; reconstituted on 19 Sep 1985) consolidated (19 Sep 1985) with the 164th Liaison Squadron (Commando) (constituted on 9 Aug 1944; activated on 3 Sep 1944; inactivated on 3 Nov 1945) and the 964th Airborne Warning and Control Squadron (constituted 964th Airborne Early Warning and Control Squadron on 8 Dec 1954; activated on 8 Mar 1955; inactivated on 30 Jun 1974; redesignated 964th Airborne Warning and Control Squadron on 7 Feb 1977; activated on 1 Jul 1977). Redesignated 964th Airborne Air Control Squadron on 1 Jul 1994.

Assignments

304th Bombardment Group, 15 Jul 1942; 25th Antisubmarine Wing, 30 Dec 1942; I Bomber Command, 24 Aug 1943 (attached to 1st Sea-Search Attack Unit, 30 Sep–22 Oct 1943); 1st Sea-Search Attack Unit (later, 1st Search Attack Group), 23 Oct 1943–10 Apr 1944. 1st Air Commando Group, 3 Sep 1944–3 Nov 1945. 8th Air Division, 8 Mar 1955; 552d Airborne Early Warning and Control Wing, 8 Jul 1955–30 Jun 1974. 552d Airborne Warning and Control Wing (later, 552d Airborne Warning and Control Division; 552d Airborne Warning and Control Wing, 552d Air Control Wing), 1 Jul 1977; 552d Operations Group, 29 May 1992–.

Stations

Salt Lake City AAB, UT, 15 Jul 1942; Geiger Field, WA, 15 Sep 1942; Ephrata, WA, 1 Oct 1942; Langley Field, VA, 29 Oct 1942–10 Apr 1944. Asansol, India, 3 Sep 1944; Inbaung, Burma, 19 Dec 1944; Kan, Burma, 15 Jan 1945; Asansol, India, 31 Jan 1945; Shwebo, Burma, 20 Feb 1945; Ondaw, Burma, 12 Mar 1945; Asansol, India, 31 Mar 1945; Sinthe, Burma, 20 Apr 1945; Magwe, Burma, 4 May 1945; Asansol, India, 10 May–6 Oct 1945; Camp Kilmer, NJ, 1–3 Nov 1945. McClellan AFB, CA, 8 Mar 1955–30 Jun 1974. Tinker AFB, OK, 1 Jul 1977–.

Aircraft

B–18, 1942–1943; A–20, 1942–1943; B–24, 1942–1943; B–34, 1942–1943; B–17, 1942–1944. C–64, 1944–1945; L–5, 1944–1945. RC–121, 1955–1963; EC–121, 1963–1974. E–3, 1977–.

Operations

Operational training unit for 25th Antisubmarine Wing, Nov 1942–Oct 1943. Trained B–17 replacement crews, Nov 1943–Apr 1944. Visual reconnaissance, medical evacuation and light transport services for ground forces in Burma, 19 Dec 1944–3 May 1945. Long range surveillance, late 1950s. Rotated aircrews to Southeast Asia, c. 4 Apr 1965–17 May 1974. Combat support in Southwest Asia, 17 Jan–6 Mar 1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Antisubmarine, American Theater; India-Burma, Central Burma. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat “V” Device: 1 Jul 1969–30 Jun 1970; 1 Jul 1971–31 Dec 1972. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1961–30 Jun 1963; 15 Apr 1965–1 Jul 1966; 2 Jul 1966–1 Jul 1968; 1 Jul 1970–30 Jun 1971; 1 Jul 1977–30 Jun 1978; 1 Jul 1978–30 Jun 1980; 1 Jul 1982–30 Jun 1984; 1 May 1985–30 Apr 1987; 1 May 1987–30 Apr 1989; 1 Dec 1989–1 Dec 1991. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 1 Apr 1966–28 Jan 1973.

Emblem

On a Blue disc edged with a narrow Yellow border a stylized Phoenix ascending, head and neck Red, body and wings Gray garnished Black, eyed Yellow emitting two Yellow lightning bolts upward and a Yellow trail to the bottom of the disc. Approved in 1978 (KE 64616); replaced emblems approved on 23 Aug 1957 (K 2138) and 10 Apr 1943 (K 2874).



965th Airborne Air Control Squadron

595th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) (constituted on 29 Jan 1943; activated on 16 Feb 1943; inactivated on 1 May 1944) consolidated (19 Sep 1985) with the 165th Liaison Squadron (Commando) (constituted on 9 Aug 1944; activated on 3 Sep 1944; inactivated on 3 Nov 1945) and the 965th Airborne Warning and Control Squadron (constituted 965th Airborne Early Warning and Control Squadron on 28 Apr 1955; activated on 8 Aug 1955; inactivated on 30 Jun 1971; redesignated 965th Airborne Warning and Control Squadron on 28 Feb 1978; activated on 1 Jul 1978). Redesignated 965th Airborne Air Control Squadron on 1 Jul 1994.

Assignments

396th Bombardment Group, 16 Feb 1943–1 May 1944. 1st Air Commando Group, 3 Sep 1944–3 Nov 1945. 552d Airborne Early Warning and Control Wing, 8 Aug 1955–30 Jun 1971. 552d Airborne Warning and Control Wing (later, 552d Airborne Warning and Control Division; 552d Airborne Warning and Control Wing; 552d Air Control Wing), 1 Jul 1978; 552d Operations Group, 29 May 1992–.

Stations

Mountain Home, AAFld, ID, 16 Feb 1943; Moses Lake AAB, WA, 10 Apr 1943; Drew Field, FL, 5 Nov 1943–1 May 1944. Asansol, India, 3 Sep 1944; Tamu, Burma, 14 Oct 1944; Yazagyo, Burma, 6 Nov 1944; Asansol, India, 27 Nov 1944; Kawlin, Burma, 28 Dec 1944 (detachment operated from Inbaung, Burma, 3–22 Jan 1945); Ye-U, Burma, 10 Jan 1945; Shwebo, Burma, 22 Jan 1945; Asansol, India, 21 Feb 1945; Sinthe, Burma, 14 Mar 1945; Asansol, India, 25 Apr–6 Oct 1945; Camp Kilmer, NJ, 1–3 Nov 1945. McClellan AFB, CA, 8 Aug 1955–30 Jun 1971. Tinker AFB, OK, 1 Jul 1978–.

Aircraft

B–17, 1943–1944. C–64, 1944–1945; L–5, 1944–1945. RC–121, 1955–1963; EC–121, 1963–1971. E–3, 1978–1979, 1984–.

Operations

Operational training unit, Mar–Aug 1943; replacement training, Aug 1943–May 1944. Evacuation and light transport services for ground forces in Burma, 6 Oct 1944–23 Apr 1945. Long range surveillance, late 1950s. Rotated aircrews to Southeast Asia, c. 4 Apr 1965–c. Jun 1971. Not operational, c. Sep 1979–1 Jan 1984. Combat support in Panama, 20 Dec 1989–24 Jan 1990 and in Southwest Asia, 17 Jan–6 Mar 1991.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: India-Burma; Central Burma. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Panama, 1989–1990.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat “V” Device: 1 Jul 1969–30 Jun 1970. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1961–30 Jun 1963; 15 Apr 1965–1 Jul 1966; 2 Jul 1966–1 Jul 1968; 1 Jul 1970–30 Jun 1971; [1 Jan 1984]–30 Jun 1984; 1 May 1985–30 Apr 1987; 1 May 1987–30 Apr 1989; 1 Dec 1989–1 Dec 1991. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 1 Apr 1966–28 Jun 1971.

Emblem

On a Blue disc edged with a narrow Black border, arising in base a Black mountain with three White peaks surmounted by an eagle in descent, (head, neck and tail feathers White, body, upper legs and beak Yellow, lower legs, eye, claws, and details Black) grasping a Yellow lightning bolt; in the top of the disc an arc of three White five-pointed stars. Approved on 31 Jan 1979 (KE 67966); replaced emblem approved on 4 Sep 1956 (K 4705).



966th Airborne Air Control Squadron

466th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) (constituted on 9 Jul 1942; activated on 15 Jul 1942; inactivated on 1 Apr 1944) consolidated (19 Sep 1985) with the 166th Liaison Squadron (Commando) (constituted on 9 Aug 1944; activated on 3 Sep 1944; inactivated on 3 Nov 1945) and the 966th Airborne Warning and Control Training Squadron (constituted 966th Airborne Early Warning and Control Squadron, and activated on 18 Dec 1961; organized on 1 Feb 1962; inactivated on 31 Dec 1969; redesignated 966th Airborne Warning and Control Training Squadron on 5 May 1976; activated on 1 Jul 1976). Redesignated 966th Airborne Air Control Squadron on 1 Jul 1994.

Assignments

333d Bombardment Group, 15 Jul 1942–1 Apr 1944. 1st Air Commando Group, 3 Sep 1944–3 Nov 1945. Air Defense Command, 18 Dec 1961; 551st Airborne Early Warning and Control Wing, 1 Feb 1962; 552d Airborne Early Warning and Control Wing, 1 May 1963; 551st Airborne Early Warning and Control Wing, 1 Jul 1969; 552d Airborne Early Warning and Control Wing, 15 Nov–31 Dec 1969. 552d Airborne Warning and Control Wing (later, 552d Airborne Warning and Control Division; 552d Airborne Warning and Control Wing; 552d Air Control Wing), 1 Jul 1976; 552d Operations Group, 29 May 1992–.

Stations

Topeka, KS, 15 Jul 1942; Dalhart, AAFld, TX, 22 Feb 1943–1 Apr 1944. Asansol, India, 3 Sep 1944; Yazagyo, Burma, 13 Nov 1944; Inbaung, Burma, 12 Dec 1944; Asansol, India, 19 Dec 1944 (detachment operated from Arakan, Burma, c. 29 Dec 1944–23 Jan 1945); Sinthe, Burma, 4 Feb 1945; Asansol, India, 14 Mar 1945; Ondaw, Burma, 29 Mar 1945; Meiktila, Burma, 5 Apr 1945; Toungoo, Burma, 27 Apr 1945; Asansol, India, 14 May–6 Oct 1945; Camp Kilmer, NJ, 1–3 Nov 1945. McCoy AFB, FL, 1 Feb 1962–31 Dec 1969. Tinker AFB, OK, 1 Jul 1976–.

Aircraft

B–17, 1942; B–24, 1942–1943. C–64, 1944–1945; L–5, 1944–1945. RC–121, 1962–1963; TC–121, 1962–1963; EC–121, 1963–1969. WC–135, 1977–1979; E–3, 1977–.

Operations

Replacement training, Aug 1942–Nov 1943. Evacuation and light transport services for ground forces in Burma, 13 Nov 1944–10 May 1945. Airborne radar surveillance, 1962–1969. Rotated aircrews to Southeast Asia, c. 4 Apr 1965–c. Dec 1969. Trained aircrews 1977–.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: India-Burma; Central Burma.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat “V” Device: [15 Nov 1969]–31 Dec 1969. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1961–30 Jun 1963; 20 Oct–30 Nov 1962; 15 Apr 1965–1 Jul 1966; 2 Jul 1966–1 Jul 1968; 1 Jul 1977–30 Jun 1978; 1 Jul 1978–30 Jun 1980; 1 Jul 1982–30 Jun 1984; 1 May 1985–30 Apr 1987; 1 May 1987–30 Apr 1989; 1 Dec 1989–1 Dec 1991. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 1 Apr 1966–31 Dec 1969.

Emblem

Per bend Celeste and Sable a lightning flash issuant from sinister base bendwise throughout Gules fimbriated Or surmounted by an eagle proper and grasping in both feet a telescope Argent garnished Yellow above a wreath of laurel of the last; all within a diminished bordure of the second. Approved on 15 May 1989 (DFSC 90–02544); replaced emblem approved on 14 Jun 1963 (K 14211).



USAF Air Demonstration Squadron

Organized as 30th Aero Squadron on 13 Jun 1917. Demobilized on 14 Apr 1919. Reconstituted, and redesignated 30th Bombardment Squadron, on 24 Mar 1923. Activated on 24 Jun 1932. Redesignated: 30th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 6 Dec 1939; 30th Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, on 28 Mar 1944. Inactivated on 1 Apr 1944. Activated on 1 Apr 1944. Redesignated: 30th Bombardment Squadron, Medium, on 10 Aug 1948; 30th Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, on 1 Jul 1961. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 1 Feb 1963. Consolidated (19 Sep 1985) with unit constituted as USAF Air Demonstration Squadron, and activated, on 13 Feb 1967. Organized on 25 Feb 1967.

Assignments

Unkn, 13 Jun–Sep 1917; Third Aviation Instruction Center, Sep 1917–Jan 1919; unkn, Jan–14 Apr 1919. 19th Bombardment Group, 24 Jun 1932–1 Apr 1944 (ground echelon attached to 5th Interceptor Command, c. 20 Dec 1941–May 1942). 19th Bombardment Group, 1 Apr 1944; 19th Bombardment Wing, 1 Jun 1953; 4133d Strategic Wing, 1 Jan 1962–1 Feb 1963. Tactical Air Command, 13 Feb 1967; USAF Tactical Fighter Weapons Center, 25 Feb 1967; 57th Fighter Weapons (later, 57th Tactical Training; 57th Fighter Weapons; 57th Fighter; 57th) Wing, 15 Feb 1974–.

Stations

Camp Kelly (later, Kelly Field), TX, 13 Jun 1917; Fort Totten, NY, 16–22 Aug 1917; Southampton, England, 15 Sep 1917; Etampes, France, 19 Sep 1917; Issoudun, France, 23 Sep 1917; Bordeaux, France, c. 6 Jan–c. 18 Mar 1919; Mitchel Field, NY, c. 5–14 Apr 1919. Rockwell Field, CA, 24 Jun 1932; March Field, CA, 25 Oct 1935; Albuquerque, NM, c. 1 Jun–27 Sep 1941; Clark Field, Philippines, c. 23 Oct 1941; Batchelor, Australia, c. 20 Dec 1941 (ground echelon in Luzon and Mindanao, Philippines, c. 20 Dec 1941–May 1942); Singosari, Java, c. 31 Dec 1941; Melbourne, Australia, c. 5 Mar 1942; Cloncurry, Australia, c. 27 Mar 1942; Longreach, Australia, c. 13 May 1942; Mareeba, Australia, c. 24 Jul–c. 10 Nov 1942; Pocatello, ID, c. 9 Dec 1942; Pyote AAB, TX, 24 Jan 1943–1 Apr 1944. Great Bend AAFld, KS, 1 Apr 1944; Dalhart AAFld, TX, 26 May 1944; Great Bend AAFld, KS, 23 Aug–7 Dec 1944; Fort Lawton, WA, 11–19 Dec 1944; North Field (later, Andersen AFB), Guam, 16 Jan 1945; Kadena AB, Okinawa, 1 Jul 1950–16 May 1954; Pinecastle AFB, FL, 30 May 1954; Homestead AFB, FL, 1 Jun 1956; Grand Forks AFB, ND, 1 Jan 1962–1 Feb 1963. Nellis AFB, NV, 25 Feb 1967–.

Aircraft

Included O–27, OA–4, YOA–5, B–3, and B–12 during period 1932–1936; included B–10, B–18, and B–17, successively, during period 1935–1941; B–17, and probably B–24 and LB–30, 1941–1942; B–17, 1942–1944. B–29, 1944–1954; B–47, 1954–1961; B–52, 1962–1963. F–100, 1967–1968; F–4, 1969–1973; T–38, 1974–1986; F–16, 1982–.

Operations

Repaired and overhauled aircraft engines in France, Sep 1917–Nov 1918. Combat in Southwest Pacific, 7 Dec 1941–c. 16 Nov 1942; ground echelon fought with infantry units, in the Philippines Islands, c. 20 Dec 1941–May

1942. Replacement training in the US, 1943–1944. Combat in Western Pacific c. 12 Feb–15 Aug 1945. Combat in Korea, 28 Jun 1950–25 Jul 1953. Precision aerobatic demonstrations (popularly known as the “Thunderbirds” squadron), 1967–.

Service Streamers

World War I Theater of Operations.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Philippine Islands; East Indies; Papua; Guadalcanal; Western Pacific; Air Offensive, Japan; Air Combat, Asiatic-Pacific Theater. Korea: UN Defensive; UN Offensive; CCF Intervention; First UN Counteroffensive; CCF Spring Offensive; UN Summer-Fall Offensive; Second Korean Winter; Korean Summer-Fall, 1952; Third Korean Winter; Korea, Summer 1953.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations: Philippine Islands, 7 Dec 1941–10 May 1942; Philippine Islands, 8–22 Dec 1941; Philippines and Netherlands Indies, 1 Jan–1 Mar 1942; Philippine Islands, 6 Jan–8 Mar 1942; Papua, 23 Jul–[c. 10 Nov] 1942; New Britain, 7–12 Aug 1942; Japan, 9–19 Mar 1945; Kobe, Japan, 5 Jun 1945; Korea, 28 Jun–15 Sep 1950. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: [25 Feb 1967]–31 Dec 1968; 1 Jan–31 Dec 1973; 1 Jan–31 Dec 1974; 1 Jan 1979–31 Dec 1980. Air Force Organizational Excellence Awards: 1 Jan 1984–31 Dec 1985; 1 Jan 1986–31 Dec 1987; 30 Sep 1989–30 Sep 1991. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII). Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation: 7 Jul 1950–27 Jul 1953.

Emblem

On a White disc with an attached White scroll below the disc, all edged Black, a Blue Thunderbird with Yellow beak and eye, surmounted by a Red disc charged with a White five-pointed star, all above an arced inscription, THUNDERBIRDS, in Black script. Approved on 14 Jun 1977 (KE 62880); replaced emblems approved on 8 Sep 1953 (47563 A.C.) and 9 Jan 1933 (8545 A.C.).

Appendix I

Lineage Terms

The Air Force is composed of primary elements called **units** and **establishments**. **Units** divide among three primary categories: *squadrons* (the numbered flight is considered a “small” squadron), *miscellaneous* (a category including such organizations as bands, infirmaries, hospitals, etc.), and *headquarters*. The headquarters units serve as headquarters for establishments. **Establishments** are Air Force organizations at group echelon or higher, having a headquarters unit as their primary component.

The lineage of each squadron contained in this book is ultimately determined by the language employed in the War Department and Department of the Air Force letters and command orders relating to organizational actions. The following glossary defines the more important terms that appear in the lineage and honors histories.

Glossary of Terms

Activate. To bring into physical existence by assignment of personnel (from 1922 to 1959, and again after 1968). During the period 1959–1968, however, activate meant to place on the active list, available to be organized. In 1922, “activate” replaced the term “organize.”

Assign. To place in a military organization, as a permanent element or component of that organization.

Attach. To place one military organization temporarily with another for operational control and other purposes, including administration and logistical support. An *attached* organization is one that is temporarily serving away from the establishment to which it is assigned. It is usually attached to another establishment.

Authorize. To designate a unit and place it on the inactive Army list. Used during the middle and late 1920s and early 1930s in place of “constitute,” particularly for units held for an emergency and not scheduled for immediate activation.

Consolidate. To combine two (or more) units, merging their lineage into a single line, thereby forming a single unit.

Constitute. After 1922, to give an official name, or number and name, to a unit and place it on the inactive Army/Air Force List. See also “designate.”

Demobilize. To withdraw all personnel from an active unit and remove the unit entirely from the Army List, 1907–1922. See also “disband.”

Designate. To give an official name, or number and name, to a unit and place it on the inactive Army List, 1907–1922. After 1922, see “constitute.” Also to give an official name, or number and name, to a nonconstituted unit, 1944–1991.

Designation. The name of a unit or establishment. The designation includes all parts of the name: numerical, functional, and generic. A designation also applies to named activities and certain functions. To further identify a unit, descriptive words are sometimes added parenthetically.

Disband. After 1922, to remove an inactive unit from the inactive Army/Air Force List. Shortly before and during World War II, this action was also used to withdraw all personnel from an active unit and simultaneously remove the unit from the Army List. Replaced the term “demobilize.”

Discontinue. To withdraw all personnel from a constituted unit, 1959–1968.

Establishment. A military organization at group or higher echelon, composed of a headquarters unit and any other elements that might be assigned. Personnel are not assigned to an establishment, but to its components.

Inactivate. To withdraw all personnel from a constituted unit and place the unit on the inactive list (from 1922 to 1959 and from 1968 to date). During the period 1959–1968, however, to be inactivated meant to be transferred from the active to the inactive list, after being discontinued.

Order to Active Service. To place a Reserve or National Guard unit on active duty with the regular Air Force.

Organization. As used in this volume, the term organization applies to units and establishments.

Organize. To assign personnel to a designated unit (1907–1922), a nonconstituted unit (1944–1968), or a constituted unit (1959–1968). See also “activate.”

Reconstitute. To return a disbanded or demobilized unit to the inactive Army/Air Force List, making it available for activation (1922–current).

Redesignate. To change the designation (number or number and name) of a unit.

Relieve from Active Duty. Reserve units are relieved from active duty with the regular Air Force upon completion of a period of active duty.

Appendix II

Streamers*

Service Streamers

World War I

Theater of Operations: 6 Apr 1917–11 Nov 1918.

World War II

American Theater: 7 Dec 1941–2 Mar 1946.

European-African-Middle Eastern (EAME) Theater: 7 Dec 1941–8 Nov 1945.

Asiatic-Pacific Theater: 7 Dec 1941–2 Mar 1946.

Korean War

Korean Theater: 27 Jun 1950–27 Jul 1954.

Vietnam

Vietnam Theater: 1 Jul 1958–28 Mar 1973.

Southwest Asia

Southwest Asia Theater: 2 Aug 1990–30 Nov 1995.

Campaign Streamers

Mexico

Mexican Expedition: 14 Mar 1916–7 Feb 1917.

World War I

Somme Defensive: 21 Mar–6 Apr 1918.

Lys: 9–27 Apr 1918.

Champagne-Marne: 15–18 Jul 1918.

Aisne-Marne: 18 Jul–6 Aug 1918.

Somme Offensive: 8 Aug–11 Nov 1918.

Oisne-Aisne: 18 Aug–11 Nov 1918.

St. Mihiel: 12–16 Sep 1918.

Meuse-Argonne: 26 Sep–11 Nov 1918.

World War I—Defense Sectors:

Alsace

Champagne

Flanders

Ile-de-France

Lorraine

Picardy

World War II

American Theater:

Antisubmarine: 7 Dec 1941–2 Sep 1945.

EAME Theater:

Air Combat: 7 Dec 1941–2 Sep 1945.

Antisubmarine: 7 Dec 1941–2 Sep 1945.

Egypt-Libya: 11 Jun 1942–12 Feb 1943.

Air Offensive, Europe: 4 Jul 1942–5 Jun 1944.

Algeria-French Morocco: 8–11 Nov 1942.

Tunisia: 12 Nov 1942–13 May 1943.

Sicily: 14 May–17 Aug 1943.

Naples-Foggia: 18 Aug 1943–21 Jan 1944.

Anzio: 22 Jan–24 May 1944.

Rome-Arno: 22 Jan–9 Sep 1944.

Normandy: 6 Jun–24 Jul 1944.

Northern France: 25 Jul–14 Sep 1944.

Southern France: 15 Aug–14 Sep 1944.

North Apennines: 10 Sep 1944–4 Apr 1945.

Rhineland: 15 Sep 1944–21 Mar 1945.

Ardennes-Alsace: 16 Dec 1944–25 Jan 1945.

Central Europe: 22 Mar–11 May 1945.

Po Valley: 5 Apr–8 May 1945.

*For further information on Service and Campaign Streamers see *USAF Combat Medals, Streamers, and Campaigns* by A. Timothy Warnock.

Asiatic-Pacific Theater:

Air Combat: 7 Dec 1941–2 Sep 1945.
Antisubmarine: 7 Dec 1941–2 Sep 1945.
Central Pacific: 7 Dec 1941–6 Dec 1943.
Philippine Islands: 7 Dec 1941–10 May 1942.
Burma: 7 Dec 1941–26 May 1942.
East Indies: 1 Jan–22 Jul 1942.
India-Burma: 2 Apr 1942–28 Jan 1945.
Air Offensive, Japan: 17 Apr 1942–2 Sep 1945.
Aleutian Islands: 3 Jun 1942–24 Aug 1943.
China Defensive: 4 Jul 1942–4 May 1945.
Papua: 23 Jul 1942–23 Jan 1943.
Guadalcanal: 7 Aug 1942–21 Feb 1943.
New Guinea: 24 Jan 1943–31 Dec 1944.
Northern Solomons: 22 Feb 1943–21 Nov 1944.
Eastern Mandates: 7 Dec 1943–16 Apr 1944.
Bismarck Archipelago: 15 Dec 1943–27 Nov 1944.
Western Pacific: 17 Apr 1944–2 Sep 1945.
Leyte: 17 Oct 1944–1 Jul 1945.
Luzon: 15 Dec 1944–4 Jul 1945.
Central Burma: 29 Jan–15 Jul 1945.
Southern Philippines: 27 Feb–4 Jul 1945.
Ryukyus: 26 Mar–2 Jul 1945.
China Offensive: 5 May–2 Sep 1945.

Korean War

United Nations Defensive: 27 Jun–15 Sep 1950.
United Nations Offensive: 16 Sep–2 Nov 1950.
Chinese Communist Forces Intervention: 3 Nov 1950–24 Jan 1951.
First United Nations Counteroffensive: 25 Jan–21 Apr 1951.
Chinese Communist Forces Spring Offensive: 22 Apr–8 Jul 1951.
United Nations Summer-Fall Offensive: 9 Jul–27 Nov 1951.

Second Korean Winter: 28 Nov 1951–30 Apr 1952.
Korea Summer-Fall, 1952: 1 May–30 Nov 1952.
Third Korean Winter: 1 Dec 1952–30 Apr 1953.
Korea Summer, 1953: 1 May–27 Jul 1953.

Vietnam War

Vietnam Advisory: 15 Nov 1961–1 Mar 1965.
Vietnam Defensive: 2 Mar 1965–30 Jan 1966.
Vietnam Air: 31 Jan–28 Jun 1966.
Vietnam Air Offensive: 29 Jun 1966–8 Mar 1967.
Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II: 9 Mar 1967–31 Mar 1968.
Vietnam Air/Ground: 22 Jan–7 Jul 1968.
Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III: 1 Apr–31 Oct 1968.
Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV: 1 Nov 1968–22 Feb 1969.
TET 69/Counteroffensive: 23 Feb–8 Jun 1969.
Vietnam Summer-Fall, 1969: 9 Jun–31 Oct 1969.
Vietnam Winter-Spring, 1970: 1 Nov 1969–30 Apr 1970.
Sanctuary Counteroffensive: 1 May–30 Jun 1970.
Southwest Monsoon: 1 Jul–30 Nov 1970.
Commando Hunt V: 1 Dec 1970–14 May 1971.
Commando Hunt VI: 15 May–31 Oct 1971.
Commando Hunt VII: 1 Nov 1971–29 Mar 1972.
Vietnam Ceasefire: 30 Mar 1972–28 Jan 1973.

Southwest Asia War

Defense of Saudi Arabia: 2 Aug 1990–16 Jan 1991.
Liberation and Defense of Kuwait: 17 Jan 1991–11 Apr 1991.
Southwest Asia Cease-Fire: 12 Apr 1991–30 Nov 1995.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Grenada: 23 Oct–21 Nov 1983.

Panama: 20 Dec 1989–31 Jan 1990.

Appendix III

Unit Decorations

American

Distinguished Unit Citation (DUC). Used by the US Army and Army Air Forces. First established by Executive Order 9075 on 26 Feb 1942, awarded for extraordinary valor in action on or after 7 Dec 1941.

Presidential Unit Citation (PUC). Equivalent to the Distinguished Unit Citation. The PUC is used by the US Navy and was awarded to a number of AAF units that operated under Navy control or in close support of the Navy. After 1965, the US Air Force adopted the Presidential Unit Citation instead of the Distinguished Unit Citation to recognize outstanding combat performance of its tactical units.

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat “V” Device (AFOUA/V). The AFOUA/V is awarded in lieu of the AFOUA (below) to recognize achievement in combat by USAF units and establishments. The Combat “V” Device was first used during the conflict in Southeast Asia.

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (AFOUA). USAF decoration used to recognize outstanding efforts and meritorious actions of USAF units and establishments in peace and war, the AFOUA was announced in Department of the Air Force General Orders No. 1 on 6 Jan 1954. (Several units and establishments received this award retroactively, for meritorious actions during the Korean War.)

Air Force Organizational Excellence Award (AFOEA). The AFOEA was established on 26 Aug 1969 by the Secretary of the Air Force. It is awarded by the Secretary to recognize the achievements and accomplishments of Air Force organizations and activities that do not meet the eligibility requirements of the AFOUA (above). The AFOEA may be awarded with the “V” device for combat or direct combat support.

Meritorious Unit Commendation (MUC). The US Army’s Meritorious Unit Commendation, roughly equivalent to the AFOUA (above), has been earned by a number of AAF and USAF units. This decoration recognizes outstanding and meritorious actions in both peace and war, but these actions are considered to be of a lesser consequence than those recognized by a Distinguished Unit Citation (above).

Navy Unit Commendation (NUC). The US Navy Unit Commendation, also roughly equivalent to the AFOUA (above), has been awarded to a few AAF and USAF units which worked closely with the Navy. The award recognizes outstanding and meritorious actions in both peace and war, but these actions are considered to be of a lesser consequence than those recognized by a Presidential Unit Citation (above).

Foreign

Belgium

Citation in the Order of the Day, Belgian Army. A citation by decree of the Belgian Government. Numerous AAF units and establishments which operated in or over Belgium during World War II received this award.

Belgian Fourragere. A decoration awarded, by decree of the Belgian Government, to units cited twice in the Order of the Day, Belgian Army.

France

Croix de Guerre. A citation by decree of the French Government, awarded to Army Air Service units in World War I and Army units and establishments in World War II. Generally identified as French Croix de Guerre with Palm.

French Fourragere. A decoration, awarded by decree of the French Government in World Wars I and II, to units and establishments cited twice for the Croix de Guerre.

Korea

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation. A citation for achievement during the Korean War. Most commonly presented to units based in Korea and carrying out combat operations there, but also awarded to some units, both combat and support types, based in adjacent areas. Since the cessation of hostilities in Korea in July 1953, this decoration has been awarded rarely to USAF units and establishments—usually in recognition of outstanding support in the defense of Korea.

Philippines

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation. A citation for achievement while serving in the Philippines during the periods 7 Dec 1941–10 May 1942 or 17 Oct 1944–4 Jul 1945. No date is connected with the citation. Only one award is authorized for every eligible unit, including units which served in the Philippines during both periods.

Philippine Republic Presidential Unit Citation. A number of USAF units stationed in the Republic of the Philippines in July and August 1972 earned this citation in recognition of their participation in disaster relief Operations.

Vietnam

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm. This unit decoration was awarded to units and establishments actually engaged in combat in defense of the Republic of Vietnam. In numerous instances, it was also awarded to combat support organizations and tactical units that were based outside the Vietnam Theater yet flew missions or provided essential services to organizations flying to or operating within the theater.

Appendix IV

Abbreviations/Acronyms

The following glossary of abbreviations used in the volume does not include many standard abbreviations, such as those for the months of the year or names of the states.

AAB	Army Air Base
AAF	Army Air Forces
AAFld	Army Air Field
AB	Air Base
AC	Symbol following some photographic negative numbers, denoting a black and white negative
ADCOM	Air (later, Aerospace) Defense Command (also ADC)
ADVON	advanced echelon
Adv Tn	Advanced Trainer
AEF	American Expeditionary Force
AF	Air Force
AFB	Air Force Base
afld	airfield
AFS	Air Force Station
ANG	Air National Guard
ANGB	Air National Guard Base
Aprt	Airport
AS	Air Station
ATC	Air Transport Command
Aux	Auxiliary
CBI	China-Burma-India Theater
CCF	Chinese Communist Forces (Korean war)
c.	circa (about or approximately)
CINCUSAFE	Commander in Chief, United States Air Forces in Europe
CONUS	Continental United States

CZ	Canal Zone (in Panama)
DAF	Department of the Air Force
Det	detachment
DEW	Distant Early Warning
DFSC	Symbol denoting color photographic negative number
EAME	European-African-Middle Eastern
ETO	European Theater of Operations.
FEAF	Far East Air Forces (later named PACAF)
Fld	Field
Ft	Fort
GLCM	Ground Launched Cruise Missile
HQ	Headquarters
ICBM	intercontinental ballistic missile
Intl	International
K/KE	Symbols denoting photographic color negative number
LG	Landing Ground
MATS	Military Air Transport Service (later called MAC)
MILSTAR	Military Strategic and Tactical Relay System
MTO	Mediterranean Theater of Operations
Muni	Municipal
NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration
NAS	Naval Air Station
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization

NAVSTAR	Navigational Satellite Timing and Ranging
NORAD	North American Air Defense Command
PACAF	Pacific Air Forces (earlier called FEAF)
POW	Prisoner of War
Prov	Provisional
RAF	Royal Air Force (of Great Britain)
RCM	Electronic-countermeasure reconnaissance
RTAFB	Royal Thai(land) Air Force Base
RTNAfld	Royal Thai(land) Navy Airfield
RTU	Replacement Training Unit
SAC	Strategic Air Command
SEA	Southeast Asia
Sta	Station
TH	Territory of Hawaii (state of Hawaii after 1959)
TUSLOG	The United States Logistics Group
UN	United Nations
unkn	unknown
US	United States (of America)
USAF	United States Air Force
USAFA	United States Air Force Academy
USAFE	United States Air Forces In Europe
USN	United States Navy